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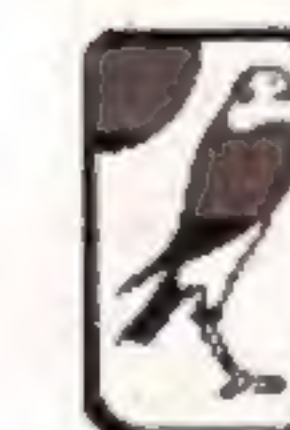
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Foreword

Psychopath: A person with an antisocial personality disorder, especially one manifested in aggressive, perverted, criminal, or amoral behavior.
— *The American Heritage Dictionary*

It's good to be the king.
— Mel Brooks

For years the market has been flooded with books filled with "sweetness and light." This is not one of them.

Most people will characterize this book as evil, malevolent, unprincipled, wicked and pessimistic. It is all of that—and worse.

It is an "evil" book with "evil" ideas. This is necessarily so because this book tells the truth. Truth is always characterized as "evil."

In some ways this is a book of social philosophy, in other ways it is a book of technique. Which it is for you may depend more on your attitude than anything else.

The average person will not even finish the Introduction. After a page or two most will put it down and return to the mush of the TV set. We recommend that you do so. *This book is toxic!*¹

¹ The weak-minded reader might see this as a dare and read on anyway. Good. That's what we want. On the other hand, you might see right through this transparent challenge, resent being told what to do—as you should—and stop right now before you waste your precious time and money. Good. That's what we want. (If you *do* read on, the words "double bind" might come to mind from time to time.)

Most people will be appalled by this book. Many will ignore or dismiss its message as too horrifying even to acknowledge. This is exactly what we want: it advances the Work. (Indeed, if you are one of the rare few who do not see it thus, we congratulate you as you are probably already a Master and you are *already* advancing the Work.)

We can state with confidence that most people will be appalled (or worse) because we have already seen it happen. We have noticed that quite a few of the brave souls who read through the original edition (which was titled *The Toxick Magician*), and those who helped "test drive" this greatly expanded version, have remarked that the first chapters seemed rather easy to take—despite our dire warnings. Indeed, it seemed to them that these first chapters seemed rather light-hearted, even amusing. And then, sometimes quite suddenly, they would remark that they felt something change within themselves, that it seemed that the tone of the book itself changed and that they began to feel disturbed—sometimes *very* disturbed. Whether it was the reader or the book itself that changed we leave for you to decide.

You might even do this experiment for yourself: read the first five chapters or so. See if they seem "easy to take." Then keep reading and see if you feel a difference, perhaps a greater sense of dread and malevolence. If you do, go back and reread those first chapters again. Do they still seem as easy to take?



Many writers claim to be concerned with the lamentable condition of the human species and pur-

port to present the means to bring man to a "higher state" of consciousness or evolution or some such. Dr. Hyatt claims nothing of the sort. Rather, this book is intended as an instruction book for the psychopath,² the sort of person who cares nothing for the "advancement" of the species.³

Much has been written *about* the psychopath but very little has been written *for* the psychopath. Perhaps the best-known is Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* (1532), written for the political psychopath. (Indeed, at one time we considered titling this book *The New Prince: Machiavelli Revisited* in homage to Machiavelli's work even though we personally despise all those in and around the political field.⁴)

Though (probably) not written specifically for the psychopath, Eric Hoffer's *The True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements* (1951) is essential reading for the practitioner.

We are aware of few other useful titles in the non-fiction arena—not in psychology or even in political "science"—except for a few books classified in the

² For those who wonder about the difference between the terms "psychopath" and "sociopath," please note that both the dictionary and psychiatric definitions of the two words are now literally identical. This was not always so. We speculate that the merging of these two terms has been done for the convenience of those in the psychiatric and criminal justice systems so that they need only consider behavior and not internal psychological factors.

³ Though useful for all psychopaths, this book is particularly written for the group of psychopaths we consider the best and highest of all—in our terms. We call them "Toxick Magicians." More about that later.

⁴ At press time we saw an announcement of the release of a book titled *The New Prince* (Renaissance Books, 1999) by Dick Morris. It was described as a political book, perhaps intended to "update" the original.

"salesmanship" category. Some of Robert J. Ringer's work, such as *Winning Through Intimidation* and *Looking Out For No. 1* (both reissued in 1993) are particularly useful. (As Mr. Ringer so clearly points out, these are not salesmanship books at all. Nonetheless, hardly anyone seems to believe him. To us, this is an indication that Mr. Ringer is a great master. One of the axioms of life is this: even if you tell the truth—perhaps *because* you tell the truth—no one will believe you.)

Most commonly the psychopath has been depicted in a positive way only in fiction—the popularity of which emphasizes the moth-to-the-flame fascination most people have for the breed. (Though we focus mainly on movies, if you like to read you might want to keep in mind that many of the movies we mention—here and in the Appendix—were derived from books, some good, some bad. Further some useful books have not been made into movies at all; Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, 1957 is an excellent example.)

You can find a few comedies (mostly among older British films); these include *School for Scoundrels*, 1960 and *The Captain's Paradise*, 1954). You can also find a few comedy/dramas (notably *The Sting*, 1973 and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, 1969—which may be the best-loved psychopath movie ever made). However, most works which depict psychopaths are straight dramas. Among these are such excellent movies as *Point Break* (in our view, one of the purest and best of its kind) and the ever-popular *Silence of the Lambs*.⁵

⁵ *Silence of the Lambs* is an example of an excellent movie derived from an excellent book (i.e., the book of the same name by Thomas Harris). In addition, the less well-known

We believe that probably the most significant quality which makes many of these works so appealing is that the hero-psychopath is, at least to a large extent, *conscious* of his values and *deliberate* in his actions.⁶ (Contrast the unconsciously driven nutcases in suspense/terror/horror movies like *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, 1992 and its numerous clones; these characters seem to inspire little or no sympathy with the audience.)



Throughout history, throughout most of the world, real, live psychopaths have gotten a bad rap. That is quite understandable since almost all of the world's religious and social philosophies have little use for the individual except as a tool to be placed in service to their notion of something else: "God," or the "collective," or the "higher good," or some other equally undefinable term. Only rarely, such as in Zen, some aspects of Tibetan Buddhism and Hindu-

story of Hannibal Lecter's earlier "activities," *Red Dragon*, 1981 was also quite good—as a book. The movie, however, was rather mediocre. As we go to press (1999), the long awaited third book in the Lecter series, *Hannibal*, has been published. Speculation abounds whether a movie will be made. It seems clear that after many years, Lecter, his liver, fava beans and Chianti are still treasured.)

⁶ The *conscious* psychopath is often seen as the most "real" and frequently the most sympathetic character. This is certainly true for the fictional psychopath, and is also true for the real-life psychopath much more often than most people would like to admit.

ism, and some schools of Existentialism, is the truly autonomous individual considered primal.

To most of the world, anyone who holds himself apart from the herd (*especially* in the psychological sense) is, *at least*, highly suspect and probably blasphemous, heretical and criminal. (Almost every definition of the term psychopath includes the word "criminal" as one of its key characteristics.)

Who are held up to the world as archetypal examples of psychopaths? Almost without exception they are of the *violent* criminal variety: "crazed loners," "terrorists," "spree killers," "mass murderers" and "serial killers" are popular characterizations today.⁷ ("Satanists," "witches" and their ilk get a play from time to time but haven't really caught on.)

People in the political and propaganda (i.e., news) businesses love examples of this kind: it gives them a golden opportunity to rabble-rouse and pontificate.

Frequently they will describe the actions of these "terrible people" as "incomprehensible." When motivations are considered at all, such people are usually seen as demented, clinically insane, sexually frustrated, politically fanatical or incompetent malcontents. Then comes the litany of assertions of "explanations" for their behavior—books, music, video games, movies, the Internet (or any relatively new technology), satanism, "society," etc., etc. *ad nauseam*.

Historically, certain conquerors and political figures (e.g., Hitler, Napoleon, Stalin) and competitors

⁷ Note that all of these categories are highly stylized and serve to dehumanize the individuals about which they speak. This is a common—and important—methodology when referring to "enemies."

to "legitimate governments" (e.g., organized crime figures such as Jesse James, Al Capone, John Dillinger and John Gotti⁸) have been characterized as psychopaths.

This focus on the violent psychopath may be dramatic, but it is also rather narrow. In a sense, to isolate on figures such as these is like saying that "Christians" are typified by Torquemada and Jim Jones. (Come to think of it, there are millions—perhaps billions—of people on this planet who would agree with such a characterization of Christianity. Us included.)

In reality, there are many operating psychopaths who never reach the public eye. Some are never identified as such because they are so successful at what they do (i.e., they don't get caught). Many more are never characterized as psychopaths because they do not exercise *unacceptable* criminal behavior (remember, criminal behavior—especially *violent* criminal behavior—is usually considered one of the essential defining characteristics of the psychopath) and are thus considered acceptable, even valuable, members of society. Many businessmen, lawyers, doctors, and politicians fall into this group. (It has often been said that Al Capone would have been a great success in the "legitimate" business world if he had not become involved in "criminal" activities. This should come as no great surprise considering that many of the businesses in which Capone and others of his time were engaged—for example, the sale of alcohol and other chemicals, gambling and prostitution—were then, and are today, defined as "legiti-

⁸ It seems interesting to us that many of these "criminals" were viewed as heroic figures by many of the people of their time.

mate" or "criminal" only by the circumstances of geography.)

Considering the amount of focus that is expended on the violent psychopath, it appears interesting to us that there really seem to be very few operating psychopaths in these traditionally accepted "nut" group categories. For example, according to the FBI, there are probably no more than thirty-five "serial killers" operating in the U.S. at any given time.⁹

Also, according to the FBI, virtually all assertions of the existence of any organized violent "Satanic" conspiracies have proven to be unfounded.

Even more significant to us, however, is the rare occurrence of relatively large-scale violent acts¹⁰ initiated by individuals or small groups: "terrorist" acts like the bombings of the World Trade Center in New York and the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, "mass murders," airplane bombings, etc. seem to us rather rare (and often rather incompetently carried out),¹¹ Indeed, with all the hype about the power, determination, organization and resources of certain "terrorist groups," it seems particularly strange to us that no one has done something *really*

⁹ Some academic sources claim as many as two hundred and some claim that the number is rising. To be sure, much of the research seems rather shoddy to us. In any case, however, the whole thing seems like small potatoes.

¹⁰ This statement, of course, deliberately excludes the perpetrators of *really* large-scale violence; i.e., governments.

¹¹ Each such incident, of course, receives an enormous amount of publicity and hand-wringing, but let's be honest: add it all up and there really haven't been that many incidents worldwide throughout human history; moreover, the total number of people killed in all the incidents put together amounts to less than a pimple on the ass of any minor league war, civil or otherwise.

dramatic: for example, setting off a nuclear bomb in Washington, D.C. Are all these "psychopaths" really so incompetent?¹²

It is worthy noting that some people have suggested that, because we have written about the violent psychopath, we are somehow encouraging such behavior. *Nothing could be further from the truth!!* We wish to make it absolutely clear that we do not condone the initiation of violence to achieve any end, by any one, at any time, in any place, in any way. For us, the fundamental rule of interpersonal behavior is that it is *absolutely unacceptable to initiate violence under any circumstances.*



Not that that's out of the way, what does the *academic* world say about the psychopath? Here are some "accepted" definitions.

From the *American Heritage Dictionary*: Psychopath: "A person with an *antisocial personality disorder*, especially one manifested in aggressive, perverted, criminal, or amoral behavior." [Emphasis added]

"Antisocial personality disorder" is a technical term in psychiatry which we will soon consider.

¹² Some people feel that the rarity of such deeds suggests (or even proves!) the existence of some sort of worldwide political/social conspiracy. Conspiracy theories appear to appeal to and console the human ego which longs for meaning and purpose and hates to accept that most people *really are* incompetent.

Note that all of the other adjectives are normative: "aggressive" (as compared to passive and compliant?), and "perverted, criminal, or amoral" which are all defined by what is "socially accepted."¹³

In the U.S., *The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, (DSM-IVTM) 4th Edition, American Psychiatric Association, 1994 is the "bible" of psychiatry.¹⁴ So, what does DSM-IVTM say about "antisocial personality disorder"? [Emphasis added.]

The essential feature of Antisocial Personality Disorder is a pervasive pattern of disregard for, and violation of, the rights¹⁵ of others that begins in childhood or early adolescence and continues into adulthood.

This pattern has also been referred to as psychopathy, sociopathy, or dyssocial personality disorder. ...Deceit and manipulation are central features...

...the individual must be at least age 18 years and must have had a history of some symptoms of Conduct Disorder before age 15

¹³ "Socially accepted," of course, is not an "absolute"; it always refers to the mores at a particular time and place. No doubt you would laugh (and run) if a medical doctor said, "According to the customs of this society, you have an infection in your finger." But in psychiatry, this sort of diagnostic methodology is common and accepted.

¹⁴ If you've never picked up DSM-IVTM, we strongly recommend that you do so. You'll find yourself in it. You'll find your friends and associates in it. You'll find your family members in it. Indeed, *you'll find everyone in it*. In other words, from the point of view of psychiatry, *everyone* has a "mental disorder." *For psychiatry, there is no such thing as mental health, only degrees of pathology!*

¹⁵ Central as this is to the definition of psychopath, we are not aware of any definition of "rights" in DSM-IVTM. Nonetheless, the common understanding of the term should suffice.

years.¹⁶ Conduct Disorder involves a repetitive and persistent pattern of behaviour in which the basic rights of others or major age-appropriate societal norms or rules are violated. The specific behaviours characteristic of Conduct Disorder fall into one of four categories: aggression to people and animals, destruction of property, deceitfulness or theft, or serious violation of rules.

The pattern of antisocial behaviour continues into adulthood. [They] *fail to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviour*. ...may repeatedly perform acts that are grounds for arrest...such as destroying property, harassing others, stealing, or pursuing illegal occupations. [They] *disregard the wishes, rights, or feelings of others*.¹⁷ ...frequently deceitful and manipulative...to gain personal profit or pleasure... They may repeatedly lie, use an alias, con others, or malingering.¹⁸ A pattern of impulsivity... [They] tend to be irritable and aggressive and may repeatedly get into physical fights or commit acts of physical assault... ...also display a reckless disregard for the safety of themselves or others.

...tend to be *consistently and extremely irresponsible*. ...[They] show little remorse for the consequences of their acts. They may be indifferent to...having hurt, mistreated, or stolen from someone. ...[They] may blame the victims [sic] for being foolish, helpless, or deserving their fate; they may minimize the harmful consequences of their actions; or they may simply indicate complete indifference. They generally

¹⁶ So not to worry. There are no young psychopaths. Only psychopaths in training.

¹⁷ Are we the only ones who find it weird that DSM-IVTM uses the words "wishes" and "feelings" in this sentence along with "rights." Disregarding the wishes or feelings of others is *pathology*!?

¹⁸ Some might say that these are essential skills if one is to prosper or even survive in an insane world.

fail to compensate or make amends for their behaviour. They may believe that everyone is out to "help number one" and that one should stop at nothing to avoid being pushed around.

Diagnostic Criteria

A. There is a pervasive pattern of disregard for and violation of the rights¹⁹ of others occurring since age 15 years, as indicated by three (or more) of the following:

1. *failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors* as indicated by repeatedly performing acts that are grounds for arrest

2. *deceitfulness*, as indicated by repeated lying, use of aliases, or conning others for personal profit or pleasure

3. *impulsivity* or failure to plan ahead

4. *irritability and aggressiveness*, as indicated by repeated physical fights or assaults

5. *reckless disregard for safety of self or others*

6. *consistent irresponsibility*, as indicated by repeated failure to sustain consistent work behavior or honor financial obligations

7. *lack of remorse*, as indicated by being indifferent to or rationalizing having hurt, mistreated, or stolen from another

B. The individual is at least age 18 years.

C. There is evidence of Conduct Disorder with onset before age 15 years.

D. The occurrence of antisocial behavior is not exclusively during the course of Schizophrenia or a Manic Episode.

DSM-IV™ goes on with a list of "Associated Features and Disorders" including: "inflated and arrogant self-appraisal," "excessively opinionated, self-assured, or cocky" (i.e., it's OK to have high self-esteem but don't exhibit more than the shrink considers acceptable). Also the psychopath "may receive

¹⁹ This time it's only "rights," not "wishes" or "feelings."

dishonourable discharges from the armed services, may fail to be self-supporting, may become impoverished or even homeless, or may spend many years in penal institutions" and are "more likely than people in the general population to die prematurely by violent means" (these are some of the downsides if the psychopath doesn't do it well).

Personally, I find the lesser-known definition of the World Health Organization (often used outside the U.S.) more interesting and concise:

From the ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders, World Health Organization, Geneva, 1992; F60.2 Dissocial (Antisocial) Personality Disorder:

Personality disorder, usually coming to attention because of a *gross disparity between behaviour and the prevailing social norms*, and characterized by at least 3 of the following:

(a) *callous unconcern for the feelings of others*;

(b) *gross and persistent attitude of irresponsibility and disregard for social norms, rules and obligations*;

(c) *incapacity to maintain enduring relationships*, though having no difficulty in establishing them;

(d) *very low tolerance to frustration and a low threshold for discharge of aggression*, including violence;

(e) *incapacity to experience guilt and to profit from experience*, particularly punishment;

(f) *marked proneness to blame others*, or to offer plausible rationalizations, for the behaviour that has brought the patient into conflict with society.

There may also be persistent irritability as an associated feature. Conduct disorder during childhood and adolescence, though not invari-

ably present, may further support the diagnosis.²⁰



With all these definitions and remarks behind us, it's time to get back to why this book was written. *This book was written to applaud, encourage and counsel the best among this wretched, sheeplike species called "man."* It pulls no punches, it makes no apologies, it minces no words. It applauds the rare individual who writes his own song, plays his own tune and lives his own life.

In particular it speaks to a particular breed of psychopath which we call interchangeably the "Toxick Magician,"²¹ the "Practitioner," or the "Manipulator." The most effective of these we refer to simply and reverentially as the "Master."

As with all psychopaths, he (or she²²) recognizes the pathetic nature of the human condition and takes from it what he can. But he goes further: he encourages *homo normalis* to live life according to his nature, the life Thomas Hobbes characterized as "brutish, nasty and short." He encourages the human race to the precipice. He does what he can to

²⁰ DSM-IV™ seems to consider Conduct Disorder more significant to the definition.

²¹ The (mis)spelling is deliberate to emphasize the mindful nature and quality of the practitioner.

²² For simplicity and convenience we use the pronoun "he" throughout this book to refer to all Toxick Magicians regardless of gender. (We mention this because we certainly don't want to offend anyone or be accused of sexism.)

help the species destroy itself and let nature get on with something(s) different.

He is a "magician" because he works his own will to achieve his own ends; he is "toxick" because destruction is his goal.²³ He is not afraid to be *deliberately* malicious and malevolent. From society's standpoint, he is the *worst* of the psychopaths because he does his Work *intentionally*. As such, he stands apart from their definitions—definitions which would like to emphasize the inability of the psychopath to control himself. The Toxick Magician is conscious of his actions and of his feelings. This makes him especially dangerous.

Most Toxick Magicians are made, not born. So why would anyone want to become one? There are many disadvantages. To name just a few: He requires immense concentration and years of ruthless work. He will probably not see the long-term results of his work. It can be a lonely life.

Still, it has its rewards. More than anything else, the Manipulator is *free*. He is free from the hallucinations that *homo normalis* insists we adopt and which men have so treasured all their lives: his eyes see only what is. He is free from the myths of safety and security: he knows that death awaits him. He is free from the delusion of the supremacy of the species: at his best, man is still pathetic and weak. He is free from the illusions of language, especially "cause and effect" and "randomness": he can use

²³ If you've ever seen a martial arts movie which features a master who is adept at something like a "Secret Death Touch" you have a useful working metaphor for the Toxick Magician. Like the martial arts master, the master Toxick Magician "touches" his victim and leaves. The victim never even knows he has been wounded, much less fatally so. Metaphorically speaking, of course.

words as tools when and where he chooses. He is free from the mirage of relationships: he knows where he is on the food chain. He is free from the pragmatic burdens the world insists on placing in the way of enjoyment: he laughs at the sheep and those in power alike and plots their downfall.

We do not expect to hear from many true, mature, operating, successful Masters since anonymity is essential to the success of his action. Some sole practitioners may want to come in for a checkup; some, perhaps, for companionship, a break from the tedium of dealing with common man. We want to hear from those who wish to become Practitioners, of course, but take care: it will cost you a lot, perhaps much more than you are willing or prepared to pay. Like those who seek "enlightenment" we know that very few will "make it." As the wise man said, no more than 5% of you will get anything from it; the rest of you are food. If you dare to spit at the odds come ahead, but we advise against it. We suggest that you get rid of this book *now* before you are poisoned further. You have been warned.

If you are going to go ahead despite our warnings, we have a few suggestions for both the aspiring and practicing Toxick Magician: first, buy two copies of this book. One, of course, is for your personal use. You should put the other away for your offspring or for future generations since, like Hoffer's *The True Believer*, this first public edition will go out of print all too soon; and perhaps the book itself might be forced out since it is so "dangerous."

Also, please note that we are currently working on a companion volume to this book. *The Psychopath's Workbook* will be in a question and answer format. Here is an opportunity to participate in a worthwhile

project, submit your questions now! (Your anonymity will, of course, be protected. By you. We recommend that when you submit your questions that you *not* include your name, address, fingerprints or anything else that might be traced back to you. Big brother could be watching!)

If you forget everything else, remember this:
Everyone is a Psychopath.

— Nicholas Tharcher
Somewhere in Southwest Ethiopia
March, 2025

Introduction

Numerous professional editors (i.e., for hire) have refused to assist in the editing of this book. I ask myself why?

Their answer is that by participating in the publication of this book, they would be participating "in dimming the light of civilization." What they really mean is that they are horrified at the prospect of exposing the inherent hypocrisy of most human behavior.

What these professionals seem unable to consider is that the light of civilization is the result of individuals who are capable of inventing light bulbs and turning on the switches. Put another way, all that is best is the result of the aristocracy of spirit which faces the facts and refuses to become confused by the illusion of complexity.

Like any patient in need of an operation I asked *my surgeons* (editors) to apply all their skill and knowledge toward beautifying this project. But instead of a healthy excision here and there they have concluded that this book is a cancer which must be cut out at all costs. What this means is that this book can't be beautified for it is itself the cure of the cancer which pays them.

Of course, if I had labeled this book differently and had been indirect in what I said there would have been no problem. This, then, is the first lesson of this book: *never say exactly what you mean if you want the cooperation of the coward*. No matter how pathetic, everyone is looking out for their best interests. For most people their best interests consist of not being punished. Few play to win. They play to be safe while feeling morally superior to the winners.

Also these professionals can't handle, without facing a collapse of their spirit, that you can't improve something that is not designed to be improved—except by radical reconstructive genetic "surgery." You can toss all the money in the world into the pit of the eternal fire of stupidity and all it will do is burn.

University degrees are in disrepute because they deserve to be. Mediocrity reigns. We even lack real people to hate. Lies, deceit and symbols have taken the place of the sword and the gun. Man is a bad animal and worse as a God. What other creature needs holidays to remind him of what to feel and when?

The Christian Judaic attempt to make a human out of man has failed. What has emerged are two things: 1. The Web Page (but no matter what one says the Web is still the home of the Spider) and 2. The Manipulator. He is the fetus who refused to abort.

He is about to happen to you.

There is a lot of slop in life. You can make a ton of mistakes, be the biggest screwup and still survive and even succeed. Don't let anyone fool you about this. There are millions—billions—of people who believe all kinds of lies and still do well. Some people believe the truth and are utter failures. Life is tolerant, even stupidly so.

What you are about to read is an exposition on how "everything" in the world works. While illustrative and vivid, this small book only touches on the intricacies of the major concepts of control, manipulation and torture which are the major pastimes of mankind.

But I assure you, my dear reader, that "touching" on these subjects may be all you need. You may either feel exhilarated and seek to fill in the blank spaces yourself, or the "touch" of this little book may fill you with such disgust and loathing that you will smash every mirror in your house and pledge to assassinate the author.

Instead of the latter, however, may this small book slowly and directly lead the reader through the workings of the human condition.

Remember, the principles contained herein are applicable to mega-corporations, governments, societies of every kind, families and, of course, you. So read on at your own risk.

The reader should keep in mind that this book is explicit and pulls no punches. Some readers will be very offended by many of the ideas in this book while others will sadly or joyously shake their head in affirmation and seek out the author for personal instruction and guidance. If you do so, be sure to bring a good check.

I wrote this book as a summary of the observations of a well-trained social philosopher and psychologist and, while I am well aware that my personal reputation will suffer in the sterile world of academia, I joyfully make this sacrifice for the honor of sharing my insights and conclusions with hopefully kindred spirits.

As you read this book, keep in mind that you are sharing the secrets of the great "bosses" and kings of all time and, while these secrets might offend you, they do control you. So my reader—read well.

The first thing to keep in mind is that nature is not horrible. Almost everyone believes, in one way or another, that nature is malicious and, without

human conscience, the world would turn into a nightmare of war, rape, murder, theft, fraud, etc., and that the strong would exploit and destroy the weak.

If such things exist—and they do—they do so with the full consent and sanction of mankind.

However, there are a few points that we need to get straight. First, the strong never will get rid of the weak as this would yield a poor return on investment. In fact, the strong actually help to breed the weak, because, without them, the strong who remained might finally kill each other off.

This would leave the world with but a few individuals separated by vast distances. If this were the case, those remaining would die of boredom.

The common notion that man is a killer is much too narrow. He is simply an exploiter and controller with killing being only one of various possible game outcomes. In other words, all things being equal, like the proverbial cat and mouse, man would rather play with the mouse than kill it—unless of course he is starving to death. As long as there are other food sources, it appears that mankind enjoys manipulation and exploitation as its primary species-sport. Man is the ultimate game player because he pretends that he is not playing a game at all.

Nature is not horrible. Nature is simply nature and the term horrible is simply propaganda, created by leaders from the beginning of time to help control the majority of people most of the time.

"Most of the time" is the important phrase because, without some chaos and destruction, the population might wake up to the fact that nature is not inherently horrible; and then who in hell would

need leaders to run their lives? Without leaders to complain about, the game would not be fun.

More importantly, for me, without people who deny that they are playing the game of control and exploitation, life could be no fun. One of my favorite games is to make people who believe that they are not playing a control game realize that they are. One of the kicks I get from doing this is watching them suffer from this realization.

It is important to have at least a few people like this in your life. When I feel there aren't enough around me, I make a point of seeking them out and cultivating them.

Without belaboring the point or trying to make the reader feel good, the entire Game of Life is rigged and even most so-called leaders do not know what is really going on.

This book promotes the idea that the human species, like every other species, has its own favorite sports.

Specifically, the human species loves games which are dominated by control and manipulation even if they lead to mass destruction, including the destruction of self.

However, part of this game requires that we pretend that we do care, when in fact what we really enjoy is what leads up to the spilling of blood. Some people enjoy the blood a bit more than others, but I for one would rather call the game quits when I know that I have won.

I am well aware that the position posited in this book will meet with a lot of resistance from the bleeding hearts of the world, but let me give away a little secret right from the beginning: most human beings (the common man) are so numb by their very nature that they are completely unaware that they

are playing a major part in this game (albeit an extras) and that, in most instances, the common man doesn't feel an ounce of pain from the process of general exploitation and manipulation.

In other words, the generic victim *needs* to be the victim. He *needs* to be controlled, lest he face a void, an abyss so deep that Dante himself would have been at loss for words.

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The willful application and direction of man's mind and power to the ends which he desires is the necessary primal force which accomplishes the true organic will of the Toxick Magician.

Often this application will entail doing what normal people call "good," for it is this so-called good-in-itself which, by its very nature, brings about the desired results of the Master: confusion, destruction and the confounding of forces. The Manipulator loves people who do good and, even more so, people who think good thoughts.

An example will serve to illustrate. Everything which the Establishment and Church desire finally brings about its own ruin and with it the establishment of Higher Order(s) of dis-organization—which are the goals of the Master.

It follows that it is the Church's desire to see the end of abortion which brings about the necessary over-population which in turn causes the Toxick Chaos necessary to see the destruction of the Church and, to a large extent, the environment as we know it.

The Toxick Magician sees all appeals to ecology as futile attempts to maintain stasis. Hence, the preoccupation with ecology leads to a level of destruction far greater than would be otherwise.

For example, consider the cascading effects of water-saving toilets. In order not to clog them, we are now so dis-commoded that we have to shit in segments. People are not able to get rid of their feces as quickly as they used to and this is not safe!!

Consequently, to safeguard their health, people are now buying black-market toilets and installing them illegally under cover of darkness.

The effect of ecology in this case is to create a new criminal underclass and reduce the population through the spread of disease. To cover up the real cause, the blame for the increased mortality rate has been placed on salmonella infected chickens and tainted red meat, thus eliminating Steak Tartar and Ramos Fizzes from the menus of finer restaurants.

On the positive side, it allows people to become familiar once again with their bodily products, destroys the abomination of Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, and brings back into vogue scato-divination.

It is worth noting that, if the issue were really water-conservation, the entire problem could be solved more effectively with a two-button toilet with, of course, the appropriate international icons of yellow drops for number 1 and a brown coil with rising steam for number 2.²⁴

The Practitioner constantly looks for small ways to jiggle the environment which will (dis-)attract the attention of the masses. Something as simple as dropping little pieces of paper in the street provides

²⁴ By the time you read this, such toilets may seem old hat. Indeed—except for the icons—we have already seen such toilets in certain parts of the world. Moreover, for years, residents of many water-scarce areas have—somehow—managed to be frugal with this resource without any sort of governmental enforcement whatsoever! (Only the tourists need to be told: "If it's yellow let it mellow; if it's brown flush it down.")

It is worth noting, of course, that next week, or next year or next decade many of the examples used in this book may seem dated, old-fashioned, obsolete and/or "quaint." Such is the nature of the evolution of technology. *Nonetheless, the principles of this book are eternal.*

nothing to do for people with guilt complexes and a meaning in their lives. In a sense, the Manipulator helps reduce the rate of suicide and spouse abuse.

The Master may even help an ecological cause (e.g., the current preoccupation with "flesh eating bacteria") since the stasis brought about by its success will sooner or later lead to a greater displacement and, hence, more Toxicity. Remember, every solution leads to more complex and involuted "problems." The Toxick Magician loves problem-solvers.

As long as any force and motion is applied, counterforces of the most bizarre and unpredictable types begin to formulate and affect the entire field of play.

The Manipulator knows that we live in gigantic sets of inter-woven neuroid-correlation matrices where one tiny push in the right place can cause an entire field to collapse. This might be likened to Kung Fu Magick.

The Toxick Magician knows there is no way *not* to create what the Hindu's have called Karma. Karma is good!

He knows this fact very well and he is also aware that most people live in a superstitious world of "causes and effects."

The Master knows how to take advantage of every superstition because he understands that "causes" as we "know" them also create "effects" as we *can't* know them.

The Manipulator knows that everyone lives in *bubble(s) of superstition(s)* where magical rewards and punishments lurk and abound. But somewhere in the dark of perceived order there is a monster hiding, ready to devour the "innocent."

He loves to walk down the street in pride and certainty, knowing he's but one moment away from an attack of diarrhea. This makes him unique among the masses. The Toxick Magician always views his adversary with his head in the toilet bowl.

The Practitioner knows, for example, that, if the pro-abortionists win by controlling population it is the *wrong* population that will be controlled.

This is one of the key principles of Toxick Magick: whether the Church, for example, gets its way in terms of abortion or not is quite irrelevant. *It is the quality and nature of the forces set in motion for which the Toxick Magician strives.*

He knows that whatever is the most gross, will triumph in the end. Whatever levels the playing field triumphs for a while.

He knows that the faster technology develops, the greater will be the collisions and destruction within the species which developed the technology. Inertia must always be viewed from the psychological perspective of indolence. Indolence, in one form or another, leads to farce.

Regardless of social strictures, laws or anything else, the masses will continue to breed. The goal is 66.6% *illiteracy* in the Civilized World and not the reverse. The goal of literacy is simply a ruse, a ploy of the Toxick Magician to set into motion those forces which interfere with the natural give and take of intelligence and stupidity, and power and impotency.

Thus, every so-called worthy goal is a ruse and the fuse of destruction. In the end, all goals reduce to control and the means used to gain control are irrelevant and quickly forgotten.

What difference does it make to the average individual or organization that 10 or 20 million lives are destroyed after a week or two? It is only important that there is a fresh chicken in the pot. This is called "Voodoo Mechanics."

Toxick Magick, then, is the direct use and application of one's power and abilities to speedily bring about the destruction of mediocrity and stupidity.

However, the Manipulator realizes that what follows is more due to "chance" than direct application. This means that you should not sit around too long thinking about what to do. Set something in motion now. Then sit back and watch the fallout.

The natural power behind Toxick Magick is the Hatred of Restriction and the Joy in the power of Freedom and the apparent random application of choice, risk and chaos.

Pain and destruction feed the planet more than pleasure.

A Manipulator's task is to always throw a little something into the works. Learn how to help everyone achieve what they want. It will, in the end, destroy them.

By the perfect application of the mind of a Master, individuals will develop the natural character traits to lead the world into a deep and abysmal darkness, until the necessary form of transformed destructiveness occurs, thereby freeing new and more interesting forms to evolve and develop.

For example, as we wind down to ultimate world peace, expect the greatest possibility for a nuclear holocaust.

Note that when speak of evolution, we use the word "forms" and not "form." The idea of plurality is important in many ways but, for the moment, its importance lies in the fact that multiple users of Toxicity can create competing ends for the yet unborn futures which will create events which will be regarded as beautiful and grotesque.

The human mind exists on shifting gradients of superior force and power. The grade of the mind attracts and influences the forces which surround it.

According to the strength of the Practitioner's code of conduct and his willingness to help promote Toxicity and Chaos in the mindset of his neighbor, the appropriate result usually follows: paranoia. The more you can help your neighbor get what he wants, the more his paranoia and anxiety.

Used properly, paranoia is an ideal weapon to create false and misleading struggles which burn the energy of everyone involved. Paranoia is a simple mis-direction virus.

We say that paranoia *usually* follows since other Manipulators may be operating in similar areas with different results in mind. But rest assured, all victims live in a world of suspicion and superstition. Thus paranoia is the *minimum* a good Toxic Magician can expect.

The only major requirement is that all Manipulators know that their ultimate goal is for the good of the gross force field which is forever struggling to give birth to new life forms as quickly as possible, regardless of the cost to the older forms.

Now, at last, the human race has the means to make radical transformations and provide the race the opportunity to do away with itself in its present dead-end form.

Thus, for example, in order for immortality to exist, most of the human race will need to be destroyed—and it will be.

At first, of course, there will be the obligatory moaning over the "tragedy." But, within a few months, this destruction will be seen as a happy and necessary event, just as euthanasia will, in time, be seen as a "new" solution to over-population and the "problem" of funding Social Security systems. (The scenes at the conclusion of Stanley Kubrick's brilliant movie *Dr. Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* present an excellent example of this process.)

Every human, no matter what he tells himself, knows that, simply by being alive, he has run into a brick wall in every aspect of his life. This world is a world of in voluntarism, of Zombies. And the final brick in the wall is involuntary death.

The power of death lies not simply in the cessation of life, but in the reality that death always feels like the "other" and forces most people to feel a distance between their self and their "here-and-now-ness." Death is alienation—the final negative outcome.

This is why the housewives of the world are seen everywhere pushing baby carriages and sipping tea as the mushroom clouds form. The Master, on the other hand, always keeps his coffin handy.

Death, which we have been taught can neither be killed, endured or cured, is the ultimate wound to the self. The Toxick Magician knows otherwise. He knows that once the right forces are in play, death becomes optional.

If he has the mental organization, the active will, and the stamina to exercise his power, he will have immediate control over his adversaries. This allows him to buy time. And isn't buying time our most interesting and perverse activity?

Frequently the best way to gain control is through cooperation.

Each and every individual has almost a comical desire to see himself destroyed. This puts an end to the waiting and the filling of time with nonsense. To fill time means to make time tense.

This doesn't argue against the survivalist theory, but in fact is supported by most Neo-Darwinian speculations. This race, in this form, is obsolete. It can't carry the possibilities of the future(s) for too long.

Few individuals can tolerate the mental void of Toxick Chaos which surrounds him. Always there is some little quirk or some little error which causes him some misery, pain or destruction. Without the need to change diapers, most mothers would strangle their infants.

It always appears that this little something or that could have been avoided and, if we didn't wish to hide from the inherent ugliness of the human condition, we could have side-stepped this misery.

But, remember, those who do not readily, eagerly and graciously accept this world of in voluntarism will be labeled misfits and psychopaths. As such, be prepared—for enemies are needed to blame for every "bad ending."

Look at the dinosaur—they might have blamed the automobile. And if you look at things perversely enough, the death of the automobile might create a species more horrifying than the dinosaur.

Even with horror and death aside, few can tolerate complete success. It leads to boredom and to the

final realization that we are all food within the belly of a giant monster whose final goals we only have a glimmer of—and the glimmer we see is not comforting.

Thus, while man doesn't seek death *per se*, he seeks destruction as this provides the opportunity for new and potentially more lively events. Destruction is the great act of control. It is the "no" to involuntarism.

The fact that destruction does, in fact, lead to death is purely happenstantial. The organisms of the future will be able to destroy themselves and still continue to live.

Where there exists an innate superiority or power, Toxick Magick will manifest itself.

A good Student will immediately understand this once he realizes that much of what he has called "failure" is truly pre-potent success. This is particularly true when the Student can write his "autobiographies" with complete dispassion. Every autobiography is nothing more than a story of destruction and decay.

Whether a force is ultimately positive or negative doesn't matter, for it sets in motion other forces over which the magician has little or no control.

This form of Chaos is desired since unknown results leads to more Toxicity and Chaos. Toxick Magicians have been called the "Children Who Hate." And, if the truth be known, they do. They hate stupidity, death and restriction. They loathe the idea of linear time.

The public in general has no concern as to who is a Manipulator. The public is only concerned with petty criminals who might affect their petty little lives directly. This is why so many white collar criminals go free or get minimal sentences and some of the most hideous crimes either go totally unnoticed or are applauded as greatness.

For example, the "great" Hawaiian king Kamehameha I is considered "great" because he "unified the islands"—by pushing thousands of his "enemies" off cliffs.

Similarly, consider the Christian fight against evil in Europe—which was finally victorious when all of the "witches" were burned.

The public concerns itself with the maintenance of its *status quo* (i.e., chickens) and, as a rule, the public should be helped to maintain its *status quo* even more intensely than it is.

The heavier it gets, the deeper it sinks and the greater its fears. It can't succeed or leap to the next level of superiority. It must sink deeper and hold on more strongly.

As it does this it creates more enemies while, at the same time, making itself more impotent. Do not fight the *status quo* or the failures which surround you. Help it, encourage it, and then help it encapsulate itself. Help it grow stronger and heavier. Use whatever it creates. Don't change it, simply streamline it a little.

Many normal magicians regard real power as unattainable. This is natural for them since they do

not have any real power to begin with. One who lacks a mind which possesses strength and active processes can't, by its very nature, possess power.

Normal magicians are horrified by the notion of power and control over others. The Toxick Magician has no such terror. What terrifies him is that the *status quo* may gain power over him through his own natural desire to be destroyed and be replaced by better, more flexible life forms.

Remember it is a natural tendency to be dark and self-destructive. The trick is to do it well—very well.

Help others get what they want. This is the most insidious form of destroying them. It makes them instantly terminal and, in most cases, useless.

This method is similar to what has been called the Peter Principle. Help each person to reach their highest level of incompetence. Once they are there, they will begin digging in, establish fixed fortifications, and now you have them as a resource—a tool, if you would, to do with as you wish.

For example, universities have developed the tenure system to guarantee control over a potentially dangerous and Toxick faculty.

Always play to security as if it were an adventure.

Always help others think that their attempts to assure themselves security will work. As a Manipulator, we know that most methods to assure security are doomed to fail sooner or later, and fail badly.

It is better to live with danger and chaos than with security. Your chances of surviving long enough and with enough power are much greater. This is another fundamental principle of Toxick Magick.

There are natural Toxick Magicians and many of my readers know who they are. But there are others who should remain unknown and unknowable, for this affords them the best opportunity to do their work effectively.

These individuals know how to extend their power by being sort of unconscious of what they are doing. Awareness interferes with their activities. One way of recognizing them is from the trails of people they leave behind—people who think they have been helped. In fact these people have been made into Zombies who later will be used in one way or another to accomplish the desired end of Pandemonium.

The Master is well aware of the value of controlling the psychic powers of others. In other words, what some people believe to be their spiritual, psychic or higher self is really the shadow spirit of the Master himself.

It is the will of the Master that is speaking. This result can either be induced or produced in the subject at hand.

Everyone is a potential subject for the Toxick Magician. Each encounter is a laboratory experiment to determine what forces are needed to help the subject develop the correct obsessions and compulsions to accomplish the will of the Practitioner.

He will always first try to bring out what is natural to his victim or tool. This is done, not for moral reasons, but because it conserves energy and time. If this approach doesn't work, then he will simply find other means to produce the effect(s) he wants.

Encounters take place everywhere. This is the beauty of learning how to be an effective Manipulator. All day long, every day, you can inject your will upon others by using their stupidity, their desire to be gullible and, more importantly, their need to be flattered while disbelieving what you say.

People are so fearful of being controlled that this fact in itself makes them prime resources to be controlled.

Every subject will guide you in how you can control them and help them become a slave to aspects of your will. For, although people hate the thought of control, most wish to be controlled.

Risk, freedom and power are only words for them. Most are simply weak and cowardly, secretly waiting for some superior force to take them over. The proof is self-evident. Just look at the number of people who seek degrees in sociology and education.

The comatose state of ordinary man is necessary, and every attempt to awaken him drives him deeper into security and trance. Thus, every promise to make things better is designed to make him less dangerous and more readily destroyed. Even his revolutions make him into a better slave.

In the process of planetary and intergalactic change there, of course, is the necessity that the

Practitioner himself will be consumed by the procedures he uses in reaching his own ends.

He, then, must not counterfeit his real life experiences into moral platitudes. Once this is done (except as a device for others to believe in), you are no longer dealing with a true Toxick Magician but with someone who is possessed by his beliefs.

He is no longer a real Manipulator but has become a true believer. This is not to be bemoaned, as true believers are the very foundation of change. Stagnation always leads to some form of spontaneous combustion. Just look at any garbage heap.

Zombies are the necessary requirement and, the more of them, no matter what the source, is a sign of success.

Many people will reduce all of this into two simple categories: Black Magick and White Magick. The easiest thing to do with this simple reductionist ploy is to use it to your best benefit. In other words, let people call it what they will. Agree with them and help them to firm up their ideas. Help them make their notions so rigid that they can be broken like glass. Other people's stupidity is your resource. Help them to remain stupid.

Remember, one of the best ways to get what you want, no matter what it is, to help other people get what they "whim" they want.

Discord is the politics of mobility.

The more mobile, the more discord you sow. However, it is wise to give the impression of stability and order. This keeps your enemies from controlling you.

Remember, the basis of toxicity is control. The more control you have, particularly without people knowing it, the more toxick you are. Some of the most powerful Masters I know appear to be the most

obsequious, kind, and helpful people in the world. However, they are the most dangerous people in the world—dangerous that is to those who believe in the beneficence of man.

Do not think that by learning the basic principles of Toxick Magick that a world of ease and bliss will automatically open to you.

The practice of Toxick Magick is hard and the traps are many. One of the worst and most dangerous traps is the "food chain." Every good Manipulator knows exactly where he is on the food chain at any moment in time.

The concept, in and of itself, often separates the real Toxick Magician from the pretenders.

The food chain concept explicitly states that we are in a constant process of consuming each other and being consumed by each other. There are no free lunches and each encounter demands knowledge of who is going to consume whom.

Some people prefer to look upon this as trading: after all we are human, aren't we? But no, we consume each other all the time, often in subtle ways, but nonetheless we live off the flesh and blood of everyone we meet. In fact, right now each of us is living off the flesh and blood of people we haven't met and others are living off of us.

However, the Manipulator knows how to delve into and apply the most subtle forms of strength or weakness to accomplish his ends.

One imperative technique is the ability to evaluate what each person wants to consume, the style he consumes it in, and the utensils he uses. Everyone wants something, even if it is to give away something for "free."

Some people are so overburdened that the greatest way to consume them is to *not* let them help you. By doing this, the Practitioner can create situations

in which he can get something from a person that they didn't wish to give.

But beware, you are also food, and knowing how to be consumed (eaten/used) is imperative in your practice. If you are really outclassed, acknowledge this to yourself. If you don't accept the fact gracefully, you will damage yourself severely.

Trying to pull yourself up to your adversary or trying to pull your adversary down to yourself is another common error. This can cause unnecessary pain and destruction.

Evaluating the complex and ever-changing positions on the food chain is one of the finest applications of your capabilities. Once you have ascended to the position of influence in this area and practice the method to its fullest extent, you will automatically release a vast reservoir of your natural power.

But under no circumstances should you undervalue the power of knowing how to evaluate the power of food-chain consciousness.

Do not be put to sleep by platitudes or niceties. You are always being looked at in terms of use, and use means consumption. Thus, always be prepared to learn new methods of food chain evaluation. To do this you will have to lose, at least for a while, much more than you will win. One of the secrets in this area is learning how to disguise your scent with marinades.

The Master trusts everyone—that is, he trusts everyone to be human. No matter what disguise each and every person puts on, they are out for their own perception of their best interests—which includes their own self-destruction.

Almost everyone denies that self-destruction is one of their primary goals, but no matter how much

they deny it, they practice it. Self-destruction makes way for new, and possibly more interesting life forms, but it also allows people to cope with their own feelings of helplessness.

Everyone feels helpless in one way or another. There is no way out of it, except to destroy yourself.

Self-destruction is control, and some control, no matter how painful it might seem, is better than no control at all.

Most so-called insane people are nothing more than bad control junkies. So are most drunks and addicts.

They are very aware of how little control they have except, however, to numb themselves, create artificial delusions of grandeur and, finally, to destroy themselves. And, in the process, cause pain to the world which "refused" them.

This feeling exists only in their own imagination. I have known a number of people who attempted suicide and one of their prime fantasies is watching others cry over them and hate themselves for the way they treated the poor, dead martyr.

If you were there and could have overheard some of these inadequate control junkies, you would have laughed yourself silly. And, frankly, I wouldn't be surprised that some of them, after hearing your laughter, would go right out and try it again.

In the process of understanding the food chain, it is imperative to keep in mind the kind of diet you prefer. Some Toxic Magicians like different types of subjects to manipulate than do others. For example, some like women while others prefer men. (I, for one, like to help women get what they want.)

However, it is imperative to keep in mind that since Toxic Vampirism is highly sophisticated and

intricate, it is important to know that some Practitioners go on particular types of diets before they attempt certain manipulations or activities (e.g., rituals).

Knowing what types of people to "consume" and when to "consume" them can be highly effective in determining the success or failure of a specific venture.

Another way to understand this issue is based on the metaphor of meat-eaters and vegetarians.

Under certain circumstances a meat-eater must go on a vegetarian diet in order to heal an illness or lose weight. The same holds true with Toxick Magick. Certain psychic diets (which, in this case, means the consumption of the energy of certain types of people), is necessary before embarking on a particular experiment or project.

Eat the psychic food of others which best suits your temperament and the temperament of your operation. If you are going to try a magical operation which requires immense strength, you might try controlling someone you have never controlled before. However, if you fail you might find that you will need to wait a while before you have enough strength to try again. Be careful not to overindulge or overdo it.

Draining people of energy can sometimes have a rebound effect, particularly if you can't stomach the results. It is like buying a puppy dog and feeling possessed by its following you around all the time. You might have been better off with a cat or a snake. Be careful of what you want, particularly if you do not know how to balance the operation.

The balance of any operation counts on the mixture of ingredients which goes into making up the whole meal. And, for some people, looking at a ritual

as if it were the preparation of a fine meal is an excellent device to guarantee a successful operation.

Sometimes a meal which appears out of balance (such as an all meat diet), may be the exact thing for the forces which you plan to deal with. Sometimes alcohol or other substances can backfire on a operation which requires focused, conscious thought, while at other times alcohol may be exactly the right ingredient to make the operation a success.

Regardless of what you decide on "eating," both psychically and physically, normally overindulgence will not prove to be useful. In fact, few operations which concern money, sex, or power benefit from overindulgence.

If you feel that overindulgence is necessary, wait until the operation is completed. The higher powers and forces sometimes appreciate a great feast afterwards both to signify your commitment to them and to feed a particular entity.

This issue brings up a very important point. You must reward entities which assist you and punish entities which either harm or interfere with your work.

When you are evaluating someone on the food chain, it is important to take into account the quality of their brain and the beauty or ugliness of their body.

Extracting energy from dull-witted or very ugly people, while still energy, can cause psychic indigestion. This idea follows from the old axiom: "Be careful who you hang out with, you might become like them."

This fact is often ignored, not only in the simple day-to-day operations between people, but in the area of Toxick Magick. Although a Master can normally offset this effect, most apprentices are not yet

strong enough to accomplish this, particularly if they are surrounded by parasites and defeatists.

Under these conditions, it is best to stay away from these people, especially if there are too many of them gathered in a single place. On the other hand, if there are a few, simply take control of them.

Do not allow them to influence you. Build a shield around them first and, if that doesn't work, get away. But don't build a constant shield around yourself because it might inhibit other work which you might be doing. Personal shield building is only necessary under certain conditions.

Since the power of the Practitioner is a function of both natural superiority and intense practice, it is important to choose the right times and places for practice, as well as the right victims for your operations.

As more people find that they are innately Toxic, some competition will tend to break out between practitioners. This is natural since, at this time in our history, more people are being born with the talent of manipulating darkness and participating in the destruction of normal humans.

I often feel overjoyed when I find out that some worn-out impediment to our futures—and the futures of the developing life forms—has been destroyed, or has become so rigid that its own operating system is failing.

For example, consider the effects of ever-increasing over-population. For normal people this is a worry because of the drain of resources. For the Toxic Magician it is a joy, *particularly* because it is a drain of resources.

He scoffs at such notions or problems. Every problem is simply an opportunity to fuel the feeding frenzy.

Groups that hate each other and wish to destroy each other are simply tools for the Manipulator.

For example, the periodic "Satanic Scares," witch hunts over organized child abuse, and all TV media-events are viewed first as jokes and then as proof that this particular species has reached the end of its utility.

The species is simply a resource for the latent, hidden viruses of this planet—much as *this* planet may be a resource for another planet.

The entire process is a food chain which the Master actively supports and utilizes for his comfort and fun. He knows that everything is part of the

problem and that there are no solutions from a conventional point of view. He knows that millions die daily and millions are born to take their place. He knows that the planet is alive as a stomach is alive—it digests everything.

The Manipulator always contributes to the problem even when he gives millions of dollars to charity. He knows that each mini-solution will lead to a greater and bigger problem in the long run. He knows that a vaccine which will save lives will, in the long run, actually destroy more lives or let the wrong people die and the wrong people live.

Few people have the strength and fortitude to stare directly into the eyes of the future forms which are preparing to take our place. Few can stand the face of the superman. Few can bear the horrors that await and no one can stop them. Every law enacted is just another nail in the coffin, and to watch the true believer suffer and be tortured is a great joy. It feeds you.

It is important to have a number of separate, independent, and different food sources to feed and maintain you, depending on your ever-changing needs.

For example, I engage in "friendships" and dialogues with people who normally would hate each other, but who I use for sustenance and enthusiasm.

Both Satanic cults and Christian fundamentalists are closer to seeing the truth than most normal people.

Something is going on, but it's not what they think. The Beast is staring out from each pair of eyes you see. Each glance in the mirror is the story of this world—and the Toxick Magician loves mirrors. Each

time he sees his face, he sees the self-destroying power of the species and the planet. This is his true freedom, which transcends any cult and any cult hero.

He knows that each person suffers silently and secretly and each person is constantly making up stories to hide his own hideousness from himself and others.

He has the strength and fortitude to face the Void and see the Beast deep within, eating its way out.

He knows that flesh is mostly for pain—that pleasure is more fleeting and pain is more enduring. He laughs into the Cosmic Belly of Hell as the Beast consumes him.

Every time people have children the Toxick Magician is overjoyed, for he knows that within this little bundle is suffering, death and destruction. He is overjoyed with hope that each little bundle contains the seed of the next monster.

Every human life form is totally and completely occupied with itself.

Even if you appear to be the center of someone else's activities, it is still the person and his preoccupations which are the real center. Never forget this, no matter how interested someone seems in you.

They are interested in how you fit—or might fit—into their food chain. Never be fooled by people who sacrifice themselves for you. Without their so-called sacrifice, they would be isolated, depressed or feel utter emptiness.

Self-sacrifice is an addiction. Self-sacrificers are often closet- or ex-morphine addicts. I can't tell you how many addictions are prevented and/or "cured" through substitution. The number would certainly be startling to most people.

The idea of "for someone else's good" is patently absurd, even if the victim receives benefit. People constantly confuse results with motive and it is much more comforting to ascribe mystical and altruistic motivations to events than to accept them as magical acts of will (the Merlin phenomenon), or random consequences of complex interaction neuroid-correlation matrices.

If you place twelve people together in a room, certain unpredictable outcomes have to occur. This is true even if you limit the interests of the dozen to preparing and sharing food.

Every human, while occupied with themselves, desires to get away from themselves and play "follow the leader." Follow the leader is not always noticeable

in every area of a person's life, but the desire to follow must express itself somewhere in a person's life.

Masters have learned how to use this instinct in themselves and in others.

They can imitate others and reflect those qualities which the person loves and admires in themselves. The expert can always spot the areas in which a person wants to follow or be dependent. Once this information is properly assimilated into the Toxick Magician's neuroid-correlation matrix, the Magician begins to close in.

He becomes more capable than ever of consuming the energies and resources of that person. So, if you are strong enough, remember that no one really likes you. What they like is how you make them feel and how well you fit into their resource scheme.

If a Manipulator does something for someone, he never allows himself to be totally repaid. He always wants an edge. However, he always allows his victim to repay him to a certain degree lest the victim turn into an enemy.

People are always keeping count of what they owe and what is owed to them. Few people are capable of simply taking without its finally having a devastating effect on their personality. However, there are some who are expert at it.

I personally know of three, but even in these cases there are occasional paybacks which seem to have a random quality. None of these three are Toxick Magicians. In fact, they are excellent examples of altruists and martyrs who mostly sneak their pleasures behind closed doors and always at the expense of everyone they know—while, all the time, claiming innocence and ignorance.

One of these even chastises himself for not understanding the ways of the world while he insidiously

manipulates everyone to conform to his views and give him what he wants.

But he is not a Toxic Magician. He doesn't help people destroy themselves by helping them get what they want, nor is he concerned with advancing himself in any real-world terms. He lives totally in his imagination and is an ideal victim for any good Practitioner. I have been utilizing his energy for years and he is still going strong.

Do not forget that helpful behavior is often nothing more than the attempt to build points for future security. While it might be *natural* for such a person to give, at the same time he is giving he is also accumulating points which, sooner or later, will be collected.

The collection process can even be displaced—that is, collected from someone who doesn't owe that person a thing. This is often caused by frustration which leads to depression or aggression. Neither state can be tolerated for too long, so the results of the frustration build and find release in sado-masochistic activities which include extracting points from any victim.

Note that I didn't say *innocent* victim, for no one alive is innocent. Everyone is involved in accumulating points and surviving. Thus, every act of survival is an act of destruction. Every breath destroys universes. We are all murderers.

These sado-masochistic acts include punishments dealt out both upon others and upon oneself. But even if a person simply punishes himself, his pitiful sight is punishment for all those around him.

If he wishes to be helpful, his best bet is to commit suicide—unless, of course, he learns how to be a Toxic Magician and uses his natural self-destructive habits in a more effective and satisfying fashion.

If you ever have to use force to get what you want, be prepared for anything. Unless you are completely assured that you can destroy the other person completely and with impunity, do not use physical force or the threat of physical force to get what you want. Even if you receive what you want, you will have made a potential enemy.

There are exceptions. The threat of force may be necessary from time to time with certain schizoid, masochistic types who feel highly anxious unless they feel completely controlled. It will even be necessary to use actual force from time to time to keep such a person from going off the deep end. In this sense you might consider yourself a lifesaver.

The disparity coefficient between Toxic Magicians and regular people is enormous, and this disparity is easily observable even among Practitioners.

The disparity coefficient is a number derived by complex mathematics which tells us the difference between how a person lives (observed behavior) and how he *ought* to live if he wishes to benefit himself and the planet as a whole. Thus, the disparity coefficient can tell us whether or not someone is a Toxic Magician and then tell us how good a Practitioner he is.

A good Manipulator is like a farmer with many fields. At any time he is in various stages of planting, reaping, sowing, and allowing the land to rest. This is a very important model—although some prefer the hunter-gather model. I, for one, use and combine both. To be a stalker and a gatherer and a farmer is, in my view, an ideal formula for proper operation. Unfortunately, however, I learned some of my skills too late in life to take full benefit of them.

As is so often said by psychologists and philosophers, humans go through a protracted period of "maturation" when compared to other species. This lengthy period of being a child and under the thumb of various authorities makes the human a prime candidate for re-instituting the infantilizing process during *any* period of his life.

For example, consider most people's response to the Toxic Platitude: "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." They nod their head knowingly, and smile because an authority has

imposed as brilliance what they had always thought was shame.

Most forms of learning, teaching and punishment are nothing more than forcing infantile and childish roles upon others.

Most of the modern health profession is pervaded by this technique of infantilizing the "patient." It is especially common among physicians, dentists and psychotherapists.

The most adept of these might be called "terrorist doctors."

They are commonly found, for example, among the majority of gynecologists (who get a thrill from terrorizing women into signing off on unnecessary hysterectomies) and cardiologists who routinely stampede their victims into unnecessary, useless and dangerous invasive procedures which "must be done immediately or you could die at any moment." (This latter group has been so successful that the "zipper," which characterizes open heart surgery, has become a status symbol.)

Most psychotherapists, of course, have always treated their "patients" as infants. As the field has driven out the few good therapists in favor of the mediocrity of the "housewife therapist," the opportunity for infantilization has expanded dramatically. Witness the self-righteousness, witch-hunt mentality of "adult survivors of child abuse" and the stylishness of Multiple Personality Disorder.

One of the key factors in understanding why people are so pathetic is that, during the infantile stage of development, they "come to constant erroneous conclusions" as to "what causes what."

In other words, they learn erroneous negotiation strategies right from the very beginning and come up

with conclusions about themselves, the world, and their interconnections which they continue to use and be victims of until they are buried alive.

The reason they survive at all is because of "stupidity" (i.e., most people have the same wrong conclusions).

Building upon wrong conclusions leads to habits which, once ingrained, are difficult if not impossible to break. People's minds become calcified. They blindly proceed through their lives, deceiving themselves and repressing the immense spite they have accumulated over all the years for continuously being treated like children.

If this is not bad enough, all humans have a collection of traumas and have learned to carry around a backpack of anxieties.

I have often said of the human that he suffers from an auto-immune disease. He desires oblivion while at the same time loathing the idea of losing control and his occasional feelings of integrity.

He can't tolerate his condition, but has no way out short of self-destruction. For man, life is a blind assembly line. Each person thinks he is free while secretly living out the fantasies of his DNA.

His needs and resentments are so intense that annihilation through symbolic means is often his only option. He can't flee and he sees no one in particular to fight. Thus the need for symbolic substitutions such as masochism, depression, war, enemies, and so forth.

For example, there are wars on drugs, fruit flies, border invasions (illegal aliens) and even the occasional revolution.

There is no therapy for the human condition as death, decay, disease, detention, and dementia always force themselves on this pitiful creature in one form or another.

One solution to man's pitiful condition of dependency and vulnerability is *narcissism*.

Hidden somewhere in every person are delusions of grandiosity and perfection and a desire to be admired. Although the direct expression of these feelings are not allowed (except through acceptable means), they are the basis by which the human being survives his dead-end condition.

No matter what happens, each person holds on to these delusions; without them he would die. The Toxic Magician is quite aware of these complex dynamics and uses them for all they're worth.

All governments (some might assert that I should have said "authoritarian" governments, but this is, in fact, a redundant notion) count on "their" "citizens" to respond in typical infantile fashion. This includes identifying unconsciously with a more powerful force even if this force enslaves, brutalizes and humiliates you. For most people, slavery is freedom.

Thus, democracy is nothing but a ruse to hide the power and force of this technique. Adolph Hitler was an expert in its use. He knew that the German People wanted to be children with a strong magical father to care for them. However, the German people, like any other group of people, would have felt offended if their nose was rubbed in what they had to become in order to get what they believed they wanted.

The chronic process of making—and being made—the child is a technique at which every bureaucrat and government official is adept. This is fundamentally how the police operate. The Master is an expert in this area.

This is particularly true when others attempt to make the Master Practitioner into a child. He knows how to let others think they are accomplishing their

ends and, as they relax and expose themselves, the Master can strike—if he so chooses.

However, more often than not, the Toxick Magician will save the information he has gained by letting others make him into a child and then use it at the most appropriate times.

The method of reducing everyone to a child is primary for this species and pervades this planet. All life forms have the means to turn every situation into a potentially "infantilizing" one.

The Toxick Magician is conscious that a boomerang effect can occur when someone is made aware that they have to play a childlike role in order to get what they want.

Unlike most people, the Manipulator knows how not to use his authority to excess. No act of intimidation is free of a price and the price for playing on the needs of adults to be children can be two-fold—sabotage and dependence. Often, both occur at the same time.

The Practitioner is well aware of what types of people will respond with what reaction. Sabotage is the most common method. Often this takes the form of passive-aggressive behavior. We note this often in the American factory when workers sabotage the company's profit because they resent the role of being told what to do. The worker, of course, carries this home to his family where he has the opportunity to brutalize his wife and she has the opportunity to brutalize the children and the children have the opportunity to brutalize the pets. This is the essence of the nuclear family.

The entire structure of the world is a food chain of infantilizing. Everyone gets to play adult and child in various situations and many people relish any minor role of authority so they can get even.

One way of counteracting rebellious employees is to give them the opportunity to infantilize someone else or to act in some role of authority. At one time attention boxes served this function. However, employers must continually come up with other techniques because employees have a way of finding out how seriously they are taken.

Most people perform so poorly in the role of adult that they rarely get complete satisfaction from this process. They are so contaminated by their infantile roles that they overreact or underreact in the role of authority. The Toxick Magician is well aware of these failures and is aptly capable of taking advantage of them.

Normal people search out situations where they can be the king. This includes hobbies, developing special talents or useless knowledge, addictions, the angry or bitchy shopper, the irate tenant, bossy or cranky eaters, joining political groups, developing severe psychological symptoms, and other normative activities.

Some people are so desperate to be the King that they allow themselves to be severely tortured and humiliated. Even when they are on their knees, in their mind they believe they are controlling the person who is hurting them and this is what ultimately provides them with satisfaction. Other types have learned how to yell and throw adult temper tantrums to make others feel small and childlike. The Practitioner should know how to handle each of these situations to his satisfaction.

One technique that the Toxick Magician uses is making something look harder than it is.

Universities constantly use this ploy and the longer people live the more difficult things will have to be made. So, instead of taking three years to learn a skill which should have only taken one year, it will now take five years.

Making things look harder and taking more time allows for better indoctrination and control of the victim who wishes to have a better life for himself by getting the sanction of certain groups.

Most people want to be Certified by someone greater than themselves. The idea of having a life without some form of Certificate will become more and more terrifying as the beast becomes more complex and begins to fall apart. This is when the Manipulator begins to shine. He is always best at—"fall apart."

The Practitioner knows how to hold out the Right Carrot and to create just the right amount of difficulty and humiliation to make an ally out of a potential enemy.

He knows how to get the victim to identify with his causes and his needs and to make him grateful for all the misery he has been caused.

The victim now becomes a true believer as the Toxick Magician manipulates the parameters of fear, failure, reward, punishment and success in just the right fashion.

He knows that people have no direct access to truth, nor do they have the ability to find out what truth is.

Instead they have religions, superstitions, degrees, certificates, test scores, badges, passports, licenses, and, of course, good old-fashioned ancestor worship.

These all have in common the worship of authority and power which the common man attempts to manipulate through gestures (i.e., obsessions), hopes, beliefs and structured living.

For example, she gets her college degree; gets married (which in turn unrolls an entire subset of additional obsessions such as making babies, attending school functions, arranging baptisms, buying houses and selecting furniture); getting a job (which provides its own subset of obsessions such as buying a car, being preoccupied with taxes, looking forward to holidays and vacations, attending office parties, working to improve social status, preparing for retirement); retirement (which brings preoccupation with diseases, leisure, and grandchildren); and—finally—death.

The truly funny thing about all of this, is that *each and every person* thinks that he is deciding and controlling these activities intentionally and consciously and that they are *unique in the history of the world*.

In reality, anyone with an ounce of awareness knows that these activities are common, banal, trite, vacuous, insignificant, boring and ridiculous—and make for great sport for the Manipulator.

He will often make believe that he takes these things seriously as he disrupts these "unique" social patterns.

For example, he can have a good laugh over someone's mother having her varicose veins stripped or John getting caught having an affair or that Bill has just been diagnosed with manic-depressive psychosis.

The normal man can be defined by his repetitive routines. He takes vacations every year—some even take them at the same place every year. He performs certain behaviors and avoids others on certain days of the week. Humans only have a small set of events to look forward to. How many Christmas' can you tolerate!!

If a man sat alone, bought nothing, did nothing but had the physical strength to act, he would either destroy himself or everything about him. The fact that we measure time linearly while, at the same time, the days repeat endlessly until we die, attests to the reality of the human condition.

Even the normal man knows, at some level, that all of this is meaningless and empty. Some even respond to this condition by having a nervous breakdown. The cure, however, is fascinating: few psychologists or psychiatrists would propose that the patient climb Mt. Everest, sail across an ocean, quit his job, divorce his wife or abandon his children.

Instead almost all of them will provide the drug-of-the-moment and help the poor schnook return to the very routines which drove him mad to begin with.

Understanding this is an incredibly powerful opportunity for the advanced Toxick Magician.

While human life appears intricate and human activity numerous for the average man, quite the opposite is true. The Toxick Magician knows how to identify the habits and willingness of his victim in order to get him to respond to his own basic desires.

He knows how to raise every need and desire to just the right pitch, making the victim more susceptible—even *eager*—to embrace his will. Each person is simply an instrument that the Manipulator plays.

In addition, every Master knows how to mis-direct his activities and use the mis-directions of his victim.

Every victim has numerous explanations to make beautiful and individual his automated and fearful behaviors. Every victim has platitudes and moralisms to hide his greed, envy and jealousy. And every victim has a morass of rationalizations and denial mechanisms to mask the numerous sins that keep him living in perpetual shame and guilt. Thus, the Toxick Magician knows that each person is already well-controlled (habituated and ritualized) and all that is needed is the right push here or there to create the desired effect.

Every human is a heap of convictions which he uses to assure himself that he exists as a "real" "individual." In fact, this heap of convictions is the entire content of this bag of flesh called the common man, particularly when it is in the presence of others. He babbles on, spouting a fetid, green slime of nonsense syllables which constitute all that he "thinks" and "values" about what should be and what shouldn't be.

The victim's first goal is impress upon others his boundaries of individuality on which, if someone

happens to trespass, unpleasant consequences might ensue. This is simply the posturing of the insecure whose convictions are nothing more than platitudes and "divine" revelations indoctrinated during childhood.

The Manipulator has no need to express his convictions—unless it serves his purpose to control and create effects.

For example, he might express the opinion that he doesn't "believe in welfare" while all the time letting others know how much he gives to charity. Doing this allows others to think they have discovered who someone "really is" (i.e., how they really work). Letting others discover who they think you are is much better than telling them. People tend to intensively believe what they find out for themselves, particularly if they think you have been hiding something from them.

The Toxic Magician is well aware how important it is to let others discover things for themselves. He accomplishes this by leaving clues and establishing puzzles and simple contradictions which others can easily solve for themselves.

He knows that each person is a detective, albeit a bad one, but a detective nonetheless. As people get to know one another, "great discoveries" by the victim dispel the distrust everyone fundamentally feels toward each other.

Subtly or unconsciously each person knows he is playing a role. Thus, discovering the "truth" for himself helps the person give the Manipulator more control than intended.

It is important to be aware that, secretly, everyone wants to be controlled—but in a way which is acceptable to them. Everyone wants to give away what they have—along with all the associated responsibility—as long as it is done in a way which

appears respectable to them. After all, they must keep their illusion of pride—which consists of fearfulness and willfulness. These two factors are often combined in ways that make people appear more complex than they really are.

People are not complex and the good Toxic Magician keeps this in mind, while at the same time giving the opposite impression to everyone he engages. He makes everyone feel unique and complex and pretends to take their troubles to heart.

The more the Practitioner hangs out with the common people, the more he understands the cues which they use to make decisions of trust and their willingness to surrender control. Remember, to be in control is frequently painful for most people.

This requires that the Manipulator hang out with groups from various social strata in order to learn their cues. This may even mean lowering oneself to a level which normally would be unacceptable. In fact, doing this from time to time is good training, and giving charity and alms to those one finds the most disgusting is a very good technique for building the necessary character to deal with more powerful and dangerous encounters which are sure to occur in an active career.

The Toxick Magician understands how pride works. He knows that if people are forced to lower themselves *unwillingly*, there will be hell to pay at a later date.

Some people thrive on making people lower themselves and giving in. In fact, making people give in is good practice of what *not* to do. Help people decide for themselves to help themselves by giving in to you. This is the most subtle and powerful form of control. Always first help people to help themselves. If this doesn't work, more aggressive steps are necessary. However, even at the last moment, be mean in a good spirit. Always show a sense of good spirit no matter what you are doing.

For practice, it can be useful to push people's convictions to the breaking point. If you attempt this experiment, be sure a good rapport has been developed between you and the victim. Be sure a good flow of energy has been induced and you have the strength and the vigor to control yourself from making unnecessary emotional outbursts. Remember, your goal is to get the victim to lose control over the irrationality or stupidity of his belief.

Before performing this activity, however, first take dancing lessons. Dancing through the mind of a person is very similar to dancing with your feet. If you can't take lessons, go to places where people dance and learn to watch them.

Also learn to watch people while they are drunk. In fact it is a good idea to get drunk yourself at least once a month. This will give you the opportunity to see how much you are improving in self-control.

When helping people to lose control, learn how to help them save face. Saving face is very important. I suggest learning this habit by almost bringing a person to their knees, and then giving them a reprieve.

For example, if you gain a minor concession from someone, appear to reconsider what they said for a moment or two, and then tell them that they have a good point. However, remember that you have raised their level of arousal and tension and this may be an opportune time to get them to give in to another issue which has nothing to do with your present situation.

It is extremely important to know how to manipulate another person's tension level and, as with many things, timing is everything. Learning how to approach people when they are unduly tense or relaxed is an excellent way to get what you want.

The picture of the human condition and the Toxick Magician's means and methods for manipulating it to his ends may not sound romantic to many—except, of course, to the Toxick Magician whose sole purpose is to explore, exploit and control the conditions of life.

The fact that he attempts to turn the mundane into an adventure is his primary badge of honor. If a normal person reads this material or tries the methods described herein, instead of a badge of honor he will be wearing a badge of horror.

The power and force of the influence of the Practitioner can be augmented in various ways. First and foremost, practice makes perfect. This implies that there will be many so-called "failures" which provide the necessary lessons of how to present and preserve oneself during a failure.

Another way of increasing power is through alignment with other Manipulators who have similar aims and goals.

It is also sometimes useful to help another Toxick Magician accomplish his own particular end even if you do not directly benefit from it. In these conditions, you will have the opportunity to observe from a different angle the operations of another Practitioner (and perhaps even of a Master!)

Third, it is also useful from time to time to surround yourself with many disciples from whom you can drain resources and energy.

This tactic is especially fun if you know the dynamics among the people in your group. If you know each of their vulnerabilities and strengths and

how the other members play them, you can drain off greater power which you will need when you find yourself in extreme and dangerous circumstances. And do not doubt it, you will find yourself in extreme and dangerous circumstances from time and time and you will need every trick in the book to win or even survive.

As you practice "failure" and note your own reactions (particularly feelings of smallness and humiliation), you will begin to find ways of turning these feelings into healthy and free reactions. You will also learn how to use these reactions to cause severe pain in your adversaries. Remember, some adversaries will also try to reverse your power and escape from your control. The means which they use to accomplish this will give you deeper insight into their needs and most secret desires.

Once you sense that you have gained an insight into their secrets, offer them some aspect of it in a way which will not offend them or make them look small. Once they accept your offer they are yours—unless, of course, they too are true Toxick Magicians. If this is the case, back off until you find out more or make a psychological alliance.

So far, the objective of practicing Toxick Magick is to provide relief from life for your subject, thereby assuring yourself adventure and resources.

The more often you can relieve people from responsibility in a way they can accept, the more likely they will allow you to drain them. Often they will come directly to you for draining or punishment.

These are often opportune times to refuse them. This allows you to build confidence in yourself and a greater sense of slavery in your victim.

Fail them from time to time. Make them work harder, even humiliate themselves in some fashion, and then show them some respect and love. Sooner rather than later they will be eating out of your hand.

Remember, always be sure to give relief at some time. Allowing tension to remain for too long a period of time can damage your resource. Relief, even if it comes through humiliation, is welcomed.

It is important to reinforce the idea that the Toxick Magician is not the cause of human suffering. *Human suffering is the norm.* Being numb to the depth of this suffering is normal. Being unaware of the stupidity of life is a necessary defense for the survival of this particular species.

The Manipulator is fully aware that anyone who accepts and adapts to this stupidity is not a member of the futures to come and is nothing more than a breeding machine for more slaves.

The Practitioner didn't invent the human condition. He is only taking advantage of it by helping others get what they want. The human condition is simply slavery—a repetition of species behavior from

one generation to the next. The difference between humans and other organisms is that there are appear to be more wild card possibilities—and this includes the complete annihilation of the species.

The Toxick Magician accepts these fundamentals and doesn't lament. Instead he helps the species to replace itself with something better, something more flexible, something stronger, something immortal.

This will require the death of billions of people and/or the leaving of this particular planet. Whatever it takes, the Practitioner is constantly preparing himself both in attitude and information. However, he is not fooled like some by man's inventions or cleverness in certain areas.

He is completely aware that man uses all his inventions to further his primitive nature and that to wait for evolution to catch up is pure folly.

He attempts to force life to speed up the process of evolution—even if it costs him his own life—but he only does this out of choice.

Toxick Magick is *focused* magic, and the Toxick Magician saturates the wound called mankind with his own vitality.

He obtains this vitality by consuming the energy which others are more than willing to "give" away. They don't want it—it is too much for them and the Manipulator knows just the right means for gathering in this "food" and digesting it. He knows just the right temperature to store it and, best of all, he knows just how to prepare it, to make it a joyous and delightful meal.

He knows that the easiest method for gathering in this energy is to help people continue to delude themselves, to help them get what they think they want.

Every once in a while, a Toxic Magician will run across someone who is somewhat aware of the truths of human existence. If this person has the fortitude and the willingness, the Practitioner can help this person to himself become a Toxic Magician.

This is a particularly problematical exercise and commitment, and is fraught with dangers and difficulties. This exercise should only be taken on after deep deliberation and testing of the subject. It is imperative that the subject be tested in numerous ways.

It is best if the subject is attractive in some sense, has some charisma and has an above average IQ. Having some special talent is also a good indication that the Manipulator's time will not be wasted.

But these are only preliminaries. Numerous tests must be passed and many skills learned before the Practitioner can be assured that his subject is worthy.

However, it is also very important to keep in mind the idea of circles within circles. Everyone is of some use, especially those who hate the Toxic Magician. Everyone can't become a member of the inner circle and there is no harm in having many grades of practitioners.

The stronger and more knowledgeable the Toxic Manipulator, the greater the tasks he can successfully complete.

For example, he is aware that he can stir people to chaotic behavior by convincing them they are getting less than what they used to. He is also aware that by stimulating people to do more and more while giving them nothing, can lead them into states of depression and hopelessness. Also, he is acutely aware of the danger of hope in situations which have been very oppressive.

He uses these devices (among many others), to help people get what they really want: more for less.

He pretends that he respects the rights of people and is interested in their plights. Even though most people know that this is a ruse, they go along with the program because it is the line of least resistance and allows them to express some of their frustrations. This reduces the pain of their pent-up depression and aggression.

As a rule, people believe they have honor and a reputation to protect and the Practitioner can manipulate their reactions by casting doubt on their honor or reputation. This can be done either by supporting or threatening them. Often, casting doubt by the method of support has the most useful benefits.

The Manipulator is always aware of how much self-delusion is taking place when he is engaged in any conversation. He either helps the self-delusion along to the point that no one believes anyone any longer—thus ending the conversation by switching

the topic—or enhances the self-delusion just enough to inflate the person's public value.

People can't help but exaggerate their importance, even if it means that they only exaggerate it to themselves. At the same time, their self-importance is so fragile that the Toxick Magician must be aware of what activities or attitudes might deflate the potential victim.

The Manipulator is always ready to make some form of restitution for a perceived wrongdoing. Often a small apology is enough. At this point, it is often useful to talk about other people in a derogatory or gossiping manner.

Give the victim the sense that you are taking him into your "strictest confidence." Although there is some likelihood that you might not be fully believed, if the person about whom you are gossiping is in some way competitive with your victim, you will be doubly believed.

Any type of gossip establishes bonds and, secondarily, alerts others that they, too, might be betrayed at a later date. Thus, the Practitioner always uses gossip wisely. Often he will let the other person do the gossiping while keeping his mouth shut. Or he might say something which will be heard as gossip by his victim but which also has a double meaning which he can easily twist around if later confronted.

He is expert at lying and confounding information. Little slips and small distortions make for potentially great future power plays which, if well orchestrated, will produce excellent results.

While people scream about the importance of social justice, it interests them little unless they are in some way harmed. In fact, the idea of social justice is something about which almost everyone is frightened.

For most people, social justice would mean ruin since almost everyone has lied, stolen, distorted the truth, harmed others in insidious ways, and held back favors out of selfishness, greed, or simple meanness. Thus, from time to time, someone must be sacrificed to atone for and hide the sins of the group or even an individual.

In cases like this, the Toxick Magician can perform miracles. He can help any group, no matter how small, to find a victim to blame and torment.

By relieving the group of blame, he will often find them willing to provide small favors which he should take as soon as they are offered. In some instances, delaying the acceptance of a gift is the best thing to do, but not in the case of scapegoating. People want to forget this petty part of themselves as quickly as possible.

If you do a favor for someone who sees himself as honorable and reputable, be sure to get paid well in advance. These people have a very short memory when it comes to being associated with someone who might make them look bad in the future.

The Practitioner is well aware that all people like to use reason and logic to help them follow and fulfill their whims. In practical terms, this means talking in moderation while always promising a miracle.

Since most people have been in a chronic state of hypnotic trance since childhood, it takes very little to keep them asleep. Thus, it is ideal to promise miracles which are associated with stimuli which remind them to forget the promise when the miracle fails to appear in the form expected.

Miracles will *always* appear in unexpected ways which you can take credit for.

Of course, having a scapegoat is another means for dealing with failed miracles. Still another method is to mention that no miracle will occur and that more effort or hard work is needed for the desired results.

But no matter what you do, a miracle is always expected. This fact is based on a number of "natural laws," the first of which is that no one has experienced their own creation, and life goes on no matter what happens.

All of this, and more, seems like miracles for which the Toxick Magician knows how to take credit.

It is easy to be a miracle worker. Just allow the obvious to happen. Since most people are in an hypnotic trance, if you can just see 10% of the obvious you are a miracle worker. If you can see 25%, you are a God.

People will always associate whatever precedes an event as the *cause* of the event. As such, always let your presence precede a happy occurrence and always let someone else precede a painful one.

The Toxick Magician is well aware of the constant battle between aspects of the same force: the desire for complete control and the desire for the unpredictable which brings about the necessary destabilization of the entire human structure.

As the desire for predictability (control) increases, natural consequences are automatically set in motion which lead to destabilization or Chaos.

This process happens both cosmically and microscopically. This theory doesn't assume a simple linear process within this gigantic struggle, but instead assumes *multiple* processes (which, from time to time, might include a simple linear process).

In other words, the mathematical functions are multiple, and are sometimes interactive and complex. This leads to inconsistent error when certain phenomena are scrutinized, since stabilization and destabilization are forever interacting, and something may be on the verge of complete destruction (metamorphosis) while appearing completely stable at the moment of observation.

Humans are control freaks. The Manipulator knows that, even stronger than the *reality* of sex and food, is the desire *to control* sex and food.

Once something comes under apparent control, the organism seeks to control other events to the extent that it invents games and devices which provide the opportunity to play the control game.

The Practitioner spends a good deal of time analyzing the peculiar way(s) in which people play their control game(s).

The desire to control is so powerful that suicide and mass madness are sometimes the only things which will satisfy this desire.

At other times, on a more individual level, people will force a collapse of personality so they can begin controlling small things—like “not drinking for the next minute”—to get the high of being in control.

Sometimes control junkies are so involuted and play such strange control games that it appears that control is the *last* thing they desire. In fact, this is not the case.

Control is what they desire, even if they have to force someone else to take up the cause for them. The Toxic Magician is an expert in helping people stabilize and de-stabilize. He knows just when to introject the necessary force to accomplish his end which is, of course, control.

He helps people seek destruction and death to escape the tension of living. For most people, time is tension and the clock, with its tight spring “forever unwinding,” is an ideal model. The tension unwinds until the clock stops.

The Manipulator knows how to hold out hope. Hope allows the food on the chain the illusion that time has not run out. However, hope can't be used continuously. Reality is just too much. Aging, death, pain, loss and fear are just too real and, sooner or later, the spring doesn't wish to be wound up again. But, in spite of this wish, the Toxic Magician may give it a wind or two anyway.

Hope springs eternal and, just as the hope is coming to fruition, it is swallowed up by the monster of time.

The Practitioner doesn't believe in the progress of human nature, nor does he believe in the progress of

human behavior. The Toxic Magician operates on the premise that most people seek conflict, both internal and external, to the degree they can tolerate.

Since most humans can't tolerate too much inner conflict (tension)—as it makes them too aware of time—they seek external causes and events to occupy themselves. Thus, *status quo* is always defined in terms of the level and type of conflict and tension a person can tolerate.

For example, I met one man who was so fearful of losing what he had gained, that he simply lost it and immediately felt better.

War serves this purpose as well. As long as conflict and tension can be identified, man is “happy.” But as soon as they become covert or internalized, an enemy must be created.

Externalization is one of the best tactics a Toxic Magician can employ once he knows how to build internal tension in others without causing a rebound effect.

Build tension in others and help them find a scapegoat. Do this in small and insignificant ways until you have the power and ability to move people to more gross and hideous behaviors.

Help people realize how easy it is to lose the things they have or want. The trick in all of this is not to become identified as the bearer of bad tidings—unless you are looking for people with a strong stomach.

To learn better how to help people achieve the level of tension and conflict they can tolerate, begin by learning how to assess other people's moods. Once you are expert in this, learn how to manipulate their moods in simple ways.

Once you have this tactic mastered so that it is second nature, learn to assess moods and say things from time to time which will have significant effect.

Learn to say things to people *indirectly*. A useful way to do this is to communicate your message by talking to someone other than your victim.

For example, if you want to tell someone that they are an idiot, do not say so directly. Instead, make up a story about a fictitious person and tell it to another person in the same room as your victim.

This can also be done even more indirectly by telling the story to someone when the victim is not even present if you know that the person to whom you tell the story will spread the story in the direction you want it to go.

Learn to spread rumors in ways which will create concern, suspicion or trust. Create fires and then put them out. This technique is essential in building trust and confidence in people you want to use later.

Learn to confuse people and then help them out of their confusion. Remember, loyalty built on fear and hope is more reliable than loyalty built on friendship.

Friendships, no matter how good and how long they have lasted, are bound to turn on you at critical moments. Expect no one to take your punishment for you and expect no one not to take advantage of you if they can be assured that they will not be caught.

People have a tendency to change the rules of the game at a time that is convenient for them. Always keep this in mind and watch for the cues which will tell you that someone is about to change the rules.

If there is too much tension in a situation, be prepared for a rule change. If things seem too simple and easy, get ready for a "theft" of some sort. People like to get away with a little "stealing" from time to

time. Give them the opportunity, as it will make them feel fragmented, weak and guilty and you can use this to your advantage.

These techniques will not work on a Toxic Magician. Do not make the mistake of miscalculating your opponents or your position on the food chain.

It is always unpleasant to find out that you are the one being eaten instead of the other way around. However, if this does happen, use it as a learning opportunity. It is rare that a person has the opportunity to learn from a real Master.

The Toxick Magician is forever alert to the fact that, to increase his accuracy in manipulating common people, he must continually scan the environment for appropriate reinforcers. He must know what will increase the chances of getting others to do what he wants.

Often a reinforcer can be as simple as a smile. At other times, however, a reinforcer can be quite complex, consisting of multiple categories of behaviors or items as well as multiple contingencies.

After much self-training, the Practitioner always asks himself questions about the environment and the humans operating in it. He is always aware of the limitations of a situation.

He is constantly examining the important social reinforcers within any given context. He determines the pecking order and notices which people are most easily influenced by approval or disapproval.

He is especially alert to anyone in authority with excellent social skills as he knows that such a person could also be a Toxick Magician.

He knows that a good Practitioner avoids direct confrontation and frequently speaks obliquely in order not to offend people or make them feel small. A person who is expert at this type of behavior can, at will, devastate someone by very simple means. Common people are easily hurt by someone who has been kind and friendly toward them and who they look up to.

The Practitioner knows how to use discomfort at just the right time to influence the effectiveness of a worker or an associate.

As a rule, a good Manipulator—or "Manager"—is greatly admired and envied by most of his subordinates. If the Manager is having problems with a subordinate, he immediately swings into action to correct the situation. He normally doesn't wait until unacceptable behavior gets worse. He uses office politics, or whatever else it might take, to change the behavior of the offender.

It is very important to realize that the Toxick Manager looks upon people as "cooperators" or "offenders." He doesn't take any behavior personally and is willing to do just about anything to correct damages and reduce the probabilities of negative outcomes.

A good Manipulator knows how to change the offender's behavior by having him perform tasks unrelated to the offensive behavior. Some minor privilege may be manipulated, although not taken away.

An event that the offender was looking forward to might be delayed by some "accident"—orchestrated by the Toxick Manager.

He is well aware that some people do not respond well to verbal communications and thus he requires a large bag of dirty tricks to correct the offensive behavior.

The Toxick Magician is always aware that, no matter how large a person may be, no matter how many degrees or years of experience he may have, common people are fundamentally children and must be treated as children without their becoming aware of the process.

One of the main themes of childhood is the gaining of information. This is called "learning" and adults do a fine job of making children stupid by their methods of indoctrination.

Compared to adults, children have minimal information. On the other hand, children have less perceptual and cognitive bias than adults.

For both the adult and the child, information is constantly being redefined, not only in content, but also in terms of how real information is defined. Put simply, real information consists of learning how to ignore and select data.

For example, forty years ago few children had much information about sex. Today, sex is so common that it is not really information at all. Once everything becomes available to everyone, it becomes nothing for everyone.

People appear more sophisticated today but, as the gross level of sophistication rises, the real information becomes more hidden and valuable.

When you hear an advertisement "disclose": "Be the first to know what the markets are doing," remember that it is being heard by millions of people at once. Where is the real information? It's mostly in the fact that millions of people each think they are hearing the real information first.

This is the illusion that TV provides: that you and those around you—alone—are being entertained. In fact, the more that people feel isolated yet tied together, the easier it is for the Master to reign.

He knows that real information "can't" be known. If real information could be had by everyone, it would immediately become worthless. Information, by its very definition, implies ignorance and exclusivity. We require ignorance in order to be informed.

What most people call information is nothing more than another level of noise. Some optimists who are aware of the problem simply state that the information is available but the use of the information is still dependent on the intelligence of the population. Mass intelligence is nothing more than mass information. Zero is still zero.

What is fascinating about this entire process is that everyone thinks they know more but, in fact, they know less.

Moreover, what they do know is next to useless and is often *mis*-information. Thus, each new level of information is nothing more than a higher level of non-sense. What we generally call information is nothing more than a higher level of incompetence.

People forget that, like individuals, each civilization rises to its highest level of incompetence.

The Toxick Magician knows that if you help someone or something long enough, it will finally wish to be left alone. At that point help it a bit more and then drop it. At that point it will become like England: a land of non-entities with expensive titles.

This is the meaning of what we call information. The more teachers, the dumber the students.

Every mother's son simply knows more buzz words. But does that mean he knows what the buzzing is? Is it a bee or a bomb?

How much real wealth and how much real information does anyone *really* have? And, more importantly, how long will they have it? Wealth which can be easily stolen is not wealth at all. Most people are simply storehouses for a master thief.

With more and more reliance placed on devices which can be easily intercepted and manipulated, how long will it take for a Toxick collapse? These issues are important considerations for the Master.

His goal is to help information become more worthless while creating the illusion that it has more value. He does this by helping people ask more questions in very well-controlled and well-defined situations.

He also promotes the collapse by helping criminalize behavior which interferes with the information highway.

He knows that the criminalization of human behavior serves one primary purpose: the destruction of the system which defines crime. The more criminals, the more resources necessary to control crime and criminals. The more resources required, the more economic disruption and thus the more criminals required to fill the gaps in the system.

All mega-systems become top-heavy and chaotic. This is much like a family with more children than funds available to feed them. The parents become desperate to hold together the fortress that their egos had built.

The Toxick Magician knows that every structure serves to keep people *in* as well as *out*. As long as there are doors, there will be prisons.

The key is to get the prisoner to pay you for services that he could provide better for himself. Thus, the first task is to teach him that he can't care for himself and requires assistance. Once he accepts his dependency on metaphysical grounds and submits, his ownership is guaranteed.

Slavery as we knew it before, for example, the Civil War in the U.S., was a bad thing. It made us aware of something best forgotten—universal, hierarchical slavery.

When overt slavery ended, we lost our example of what slavery was *really* all about. Slavery slipped back into our unconscious.

All good Practitioners know how to manipulate the common man's desire to be a slave while maintaining the illusion of being a free person. It is better for the common man to think that he is free as he is held in the arms of his caretaker.

Democracy is the best political system of slavery ever invented. In a democracy, the slaves believe that they are "free" and have a "voice" in their affairs. Thus, they are *willing* slaves and, as such, the possibility of a revolt is much less than in an overt system of slavery.

This simple fact is supported by the number of books which have been written about self-esteem. The desired results are impossible to obtain since a slave can only have false self-esteem. And even this is a theft accomplished by identifying with his master.

There are no free people, only slaves who have more privileges than others. Even the masters are slaves to their greed and terror. Control over the lives of millions doesn't free one from having to pay the price.

There are no real successes in this world as we are all bound in the brotherhood of death. If you have to die, you have failed.

One of the most important ideas to get through your head is that most people do not feel pain from being used—and misused—by a good Toxic Magician. If they feel any pain at all, it is minimal.

The fact of the matter is simple: people are so familiar with abuse and misuse that they are unaware of it. This is worth repeating. Most people are so used to being abused that for all intents and purposes they are unaware that they are being abused and, in most cases, expect it.

More interesting is the fact that, when they do feel abused, they get upset by events and actions which make them unaware of their real condition and the chronic abuse which they "suffer."

Moreover, they take the events of life, both good and bad, very personally. This fact alone contributes to their overall sense of malaise and stupidity. They are hard-wired to suffer and, in most cases, to suffer without much awareness. A deadened suffering is the norm and is expected.

Understanding the origin of human behavior is like looking for a place to land a plane when the earth below is covered by a huge, thick cloud. Human behavior makes no sense from a hedonic point of view, nor does it make sense from any alternative idea.

The human being is an unfinished entity, burdened by a strange mix of cortical and sub-cortical processes and a body which requires immense artifices to protect and assure it of its immortality.

One thing we know—very well—is that most humans have been hired on as extras. They are needed for this scene or that, for a few moments here and there, and then they are gone. In fact, they are not even forgotten—because to be forgotten you first have to be remembered.

Most people are extras who somehow have become deluded into thinking they are stars—albeit burnt-out ones.

A few people are not extras on the stage but are stunt men, hired to play dangerous roles for the real star. But even stunt men are rare.

It's funny to walk into a bank or a grocery store and watch the tellers and clerks. A good Toxick Magician knows how to watch them and manipulate them. He knows that they feel that they have a little power—and they do—but they are taught not to abuse it, because it is a sign of bad taste.

Just watch them drool as they count out the money or say "no" to someone. Then watch them hang their little heads as they gaze blankly at their paychecks.

Nonetheless, each is a star, each has a room somewhere where he is king. Somewhere people recognize them as they perform their daily chores. Watch the smile on their faces when you recognize them. Watch how some try to hold back their enthusiasm—like a dead puppy dog.

Others flaunt their authority like a bit player who has 30 seconds on second camera. But the Practitioner knows who these people really are. He, and even they, are not completely fooled.

They are the extras, the hired hands. They perform a service which some ape or machine could do as well—and someday, very soon, will. They are completely expendable and those higher up the ladder know all too well how their middle management part can quickly revert to head clerk.

A Toxick Magician will treat such people as important or unimportant depending on his mood and what he wants from them.

Oh yes, Toxick Magicians have moods, too. And yes, they like to see the extras twitch once in a while. After all, life is tough—and watching someone squirm a bit can sometimes be uplifting—particularly if they are interfering with your will.

However, more often than not, it pays to be "nice" to the hired help. The Manipulator is well aware that the clerk can become a monster once someone in authority allows him to play a short part as boss. There is nothing more funny than seeing the little man inflate his chest and try to walk in shoes which are too long and not wide enough.

After his first day on the new job everyone feels sorry for him. Somehow he doesn't fit the part.

But soon enough no one will notice the difference. Many of the extras will have gone, some of the audience will have moved on, and the star—well, who can tell? Is her new billing for real, or is it just another temp job, waiting until someone better comes along?

In a strange way it takes a lot of strength or a powerful numbing agent to realize how insignificant you really are, what minor roles you play, and how everything you "love" and cherish can be taken away from you in the wink of a gnat's eye.

But this is the simple truth and most people are constantly made unaware of their real situation. This keeps them tame and prevents them from revolt.

Every Toxic Magician finds out exactly what things a person is frightened to lose. And one of the most obvious and primal is their apparent sense of freedom.

That this feeling consists of nothing but the "freedom" to choose more or less what to eat, come and go as they please (more or less), say what's on their mind (more or less), buy what they want, stay up late, have sex, try something illicit once in a while, spend money on things they like, is a joke. Is this all there is?

As a grown-up he is acutely aware (and yet, *must* keep secret from himself) that all these privileges which have been given to him, these "rights" which he has "earned"—can, all at once, for no good reason, be taken away.

Why must this be kept secret?

Because he has been told that he can lose them only if he *deserves to*—that is, if he does something wrong, if he disobeys. The Practitioner is completely aware of this horrifying lie and often needs to go no further in planning his strategies.

He knows what everyone is frightened of and why they are frightened. He knows that people believe that they have been *given* rights and privileges and, from their personal experience, they are completely correct. Of course, in reality no one has given anyone anything.

The Master has it one up on everyone: he knows that he really doesn't own anything. He knows that everything is borrowed—including his life.

Common man, however, always believes that which never was a reality. This ability comes from a

strong imagination and the inability to distinguish the existential condition of his life from his hopes, wishes and dreams. In this sense, common man lives in limbo. He can neither climb the mountain, nor descend to hell.

If, from time to time, the Toxick Magician sounds like someone who concocted Huxley's *Brave New World*, let me assure you he is not. Indeed, as a matter of perversity, we might assume that Huxley was himself a Master with a keen knack for observing human behavior and who projected forward from what he saw.

While common man is competitive, greedy and ambitious—unlike Huxley's common worker-bee—this is only a small anomaly. Common man, as so many brilliant and stupid authors have noted, is simply a domesticated primate. And the zoo runs quite well most of the time until any of the many zero hours is reached—at which time pandemonium breaks loose.

While common man is domesticated, seething within him are all the necessary components of destruction which allow him to be controlled and, at the same time, allow him to be self-destructive. In this way, common man has the potential to act as if he was a sower of discord and disobedience, but this remains well under control—except during certain times of the year and in certain places.

Other than pathological individuals (which include Toxick Magicians who have lost control), common man is nicely controlled by bouts of depression, temper tantrums, guilt, sorrow, terror and fear. The result of all of these emotions is that common man is nullified, which allows for his ability to perform the rather pathetic and puny tasks to which he and others have given significance.

Appendix

A Few Useful Teaching Tools

The following is a short, semi-random list of books, movies and events which we like for various reasons and which the aspiring or practicing Toxic Magician might find useful to study. Each has its own unique quality and some may have no value to you at all; we may even have included some as ringers.

In many cases these works provide information about attitudes and occasionally about techniques (martial arts movies can be useful in both regards). Only in a few cases, however, do we recommend the work unreservedly: often the amount of useful information varies tremendously. Some (like *The Thomas Crown Affair* and *Point Break*) are excellent portrayals of the psychopath from beginning to end. Others (like *Thelma and Louise* are more limited—in our view it was rather so-so until the end). In some the psychopath-protagonists are highly limited by the circumstances of their social environment (e.g., in *Goodfellas* the full expression of psychopathy was limited—not because of the wider external society, but because of the more limited society of a gang with its own rules.)

You may find it useful to consider some of our criteria for *excluding* some titles: many potential candidates were left off the list because the characters come off as too pathetic, or as socialized/moralized, or as driven only by outside forces or as “crazy.”

As we were putting this list together we noted that many examples fell into certain distinct cate-

gories (though a few seem to defy categorization—*Being There* is a good example). The main categories, however, seemed to be 1) Vengeance, 2) Obsession, 3) Expressing the “Will to Power,” and 4) Doing Your Own “True Will.” We also noted another category which we could only describe as “Boring”: they include almost all political movies e.g., *Nixon*.

For a while we felt surprised that we found so few candidates in certain groups, notably Science Fiction and War Movies. Perhaps that's because the former group seems mostly concerned with the improvement of the species (though frankly we can't think of many that succeed even minimally: when Captain Kirk says, “I'm from Iowa; I only *work* in outer space,” he seems to make the point most eloquently) and War Movies seem focused on an area which is inherently tied to accepted social values.

One may argue that some titles do not belong on the list at all; on the other hand, one may argue that we missed obvious and significant works. We certainly won't argue about that. We would very much like your feedback (on this and any other relevant matters) to be used as grist for the upcoming *Psychopath's Workbook* described in the Foreword.

Here's our list:

Above Suspicion
And Then There Were None
Arsenic and Old Lace
Assassins
Atlas Shrugged (not done as a movie—exceptional!!)
Being There
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (excellent!)
Cape Fear (both versions have their points)
Captain's Paradise, The

Count of Monte Cristo, The
Death Wish I
Death Wish II
Dogs of War, The
Donny Brasco
Falling Down (particularly until the end)
First Blood (Rambo I)
Fountainhead, The (excellent book; fair to poor movie)
Getaway, The (both the Steve McQueen/Ali MacGraw
 and the Alec Baldwin/Kim Basinger versions have
 their points though we prefer the former)
Godfather, The (especially the first one)
Goodfellas
Great Impostor, The (based on a true story)
In the Line of Fire
Kelly's Heroes (one of the few war films on our list)
King of New York, The
Mechanic, The (excellent!)
Moby Dick (contrast the obsessional qualities with
The Searchers)
Nevada Smith
One-Eyed Jacks
Our Man Flint
Point Break (excellent!!)
Point of No Return (excellent!)
Ransom
Road House
Rough Cut
Runaway Train (excellent film, terrible title)
Scarface (Pacino version)
School for Scoundrels
Sea Wolf, The
Serial Mom
Shawshank Redemption, The
Shogun (portrays an entire culture which essentially
 held psychopathy as a value; an historical rarity)
Silence of the Lambs (classic!)

Specialist, The
Sting, The
Tequila Sunrise
Thelma & Louise (particularly at the end)
Thomas Crown Affair, The (excellent!)
To Catch a Thief
Usual Suspects, The
Wild Geese (but not *Wild Geese II*)

Many martial arts film (for technique and attitude)

Another useful classification we noted includes training devices which help illustrate *how the system really works*. Most of these examples are from "real life" and are far from exhaustive. It seems that in this classification, "fact" can be far more educational than fiction.

Movies

And Justice For All
Nixon

Other Stuff

- Any newspaper, any TV/Radio news program, any day: (to quote Walter Kaufman, scholar and translator of Friedrich Nietzsche and Martin Buber):

Mundus vult decipi: The world wants to be deceived. The truth is too complex and frightening; the taste for the truth is an acquired taste that few acquire.

Not all deceptions are palatable. Untruths are too easy to come by, too quickly exploded and ephemeral to give lasting comfort. *Mundus vult decipi*; but there is a hierarchy of deceptions.

Near the bottom of the ladder is journalism: a steady stream of irresponsible distortions that

most people find refreshing, though on the morning after, or at least within a week, will be stale and flat.

— Prologue to Martin Buber's *I and Thou*

- Any high school or college text on history, economics or any of the so-called "social sciences".
- The O.J. Simpson trial (with unlimited resources available to both the prosecution and defense, this can only be considered the ideal example of American justice at its very, very best; contrast with the movie *And Justice For All*).
- The "McMartin Preschool Trial" in the 1980's (and many of the other witch hunts that followed); also done as a movie by HBO, *Indictment: The McMartin Preschool Trial*.
- The President William Jefferson Clinton impeachment and "trial".
- The Chicago 7 trial in 1969-1970 resulting from the "police riot" during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, 1968.
- The "Rodney King" trial in California in which the police officers involved were found "not guilty"—insane!—and then the federal trial which followed; the latter violated the U.S. Constitutional prohibition against "double jeopardy" (regardless of anyone's legal hairsplitting)—even more insane!!
- The massacres at Ruby Ridge, Idaho in 1992 and Waco, Texas in 1993 and the circus of handwringing, inquiries and trials which followed.
- The events which led to the sinking of the *Lusitania* (which in turn led to the entry of the U.S. into World War I).
- The Gulf of Tonkin "incident" and the Vietnam War in general.
- All lawyer "jokes".
- All commercials and advertisements.

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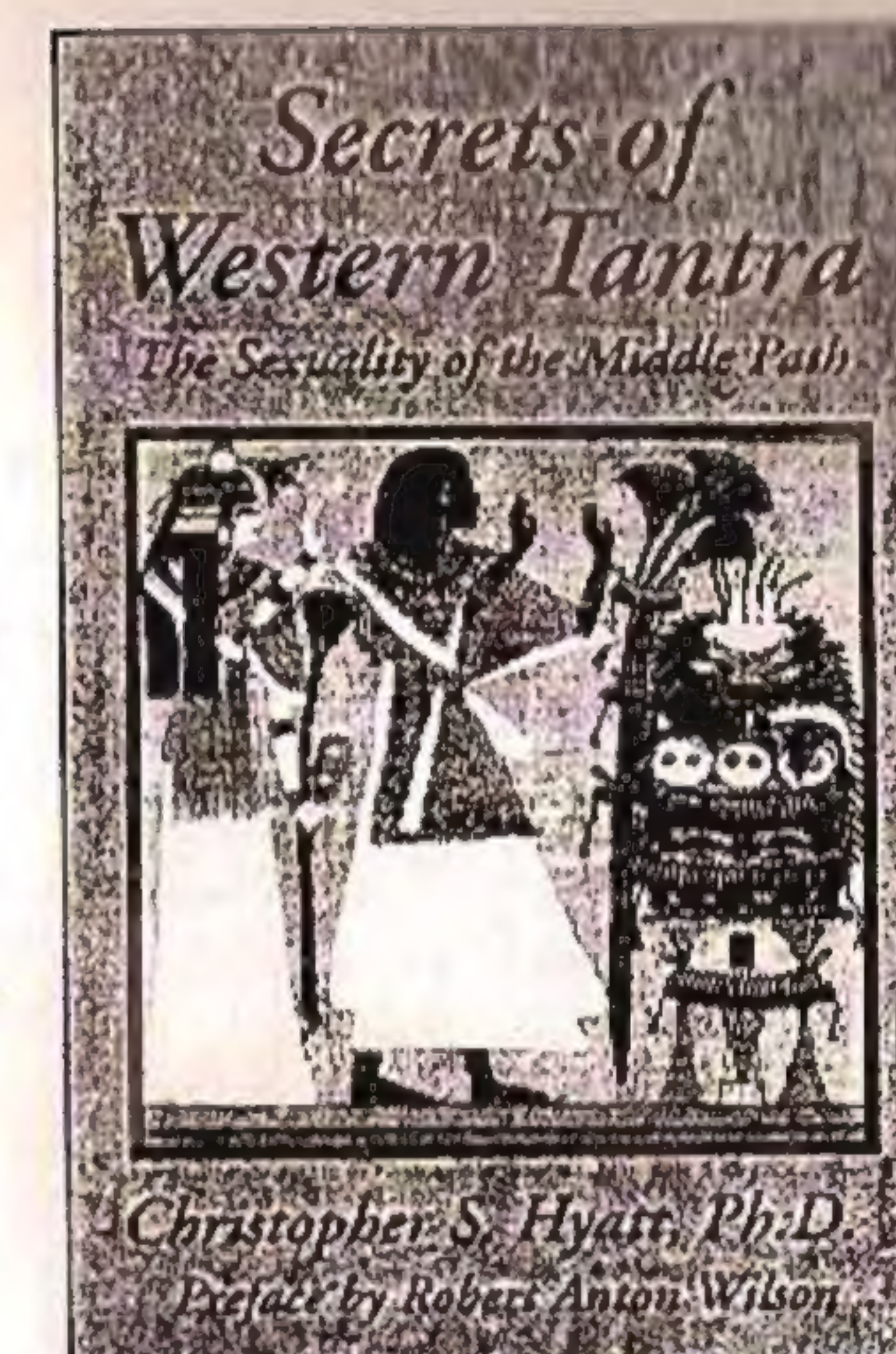
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